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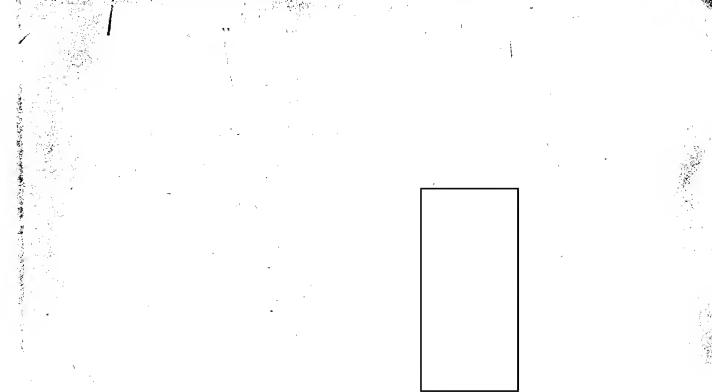
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The penalties provided in these Regulations shall be inflicted by court ruling.

A appeal may be lodged within five days after shall be made.

Article 19.

house, without any reason, compels or orders the lessee to move effective protection.

Artiole 20.

If against legal procedure and without any adequate of the house may warn him to move away within a fixed time limit; compulsion.

Article 21.

In order to comply with the needs of the localities or regions designated in article 1, the various provincial and municipal governments may draw up supplementary measures and submit them to the Executive Yuan for confirmation.

Article 22.

of promulgation, and the term of their effectiveness shall be three years. On the expiration of this term, the supplementary measures mentioned in the preceding article shall simultaneously lose their effect.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

ON THE RULES GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS TAX LAW promulgated by the executive Yuan on the 11th. of June 1947, the translation of which appeared in Monthly Bulletin Mo.IX (Juno-July 1947). Annex XXIII.

In a letter (Ts in Chih 'II' Tau No. 53977-13890) to the Bankers' Association of Shangh.i on Jet. 21st. 1947, the Ministry of Finance declares that apart from the Ministry of Sec. Mot. 1, 100 tales of "renittence charges" (oharges for remittince services) and "fees" (fees received for payment services) may also temporarily be deducted in the computation of the business profits of Sanking institutions (see attached table of Art. 5), in order to lighten their tax burden (cf. the Backers' Weekly, Nov. 17th. 1947);

2.- Of The Bakalab had promulgated by the autional Government on the lat of September 1947, the translation of which appeared in Monthly Bulletin so.VIII (May 1947). Annex XV and No.IX (June-July 1947). Annex AA.

the following ordinance (Ts at Chilen au Tzu ko.17440): Since it is loid down in art. 110 of the Banking auw that the procedure for the business registration of banks shall be governed by the provisions of the Company Law, and eccording to art. 308 of the Company few the registration of the establishment of a branch company shall not become definite until a licence has been issued by the central competent authority, it is older that a business licence should be issued for the registration of each branch or sub-office of a bank. Therefore all branch banks whose foundation has been approved by the ministry, shall within one year apply to the ministry for the issue of a business licence, submitting the licence fee and the revenue stamp duty for the licence and also setting forth the following particulars as provided in art.
349 of the Company Law: 1. The name of the branch office;
2) Location of the branch office;
3) Full name, native place and domicile of the branch office;
3) Full name, native place and forth in the certific te of registration of the head office of the company and the number of the certificate (cf. the Finencial Weekly, Ecc. 3rd. 1947).

b) Another ordinance (Ts'ai Ch'ien Ju Tzu Mo.17442) dated Oct. 22nd.1947, also issued by the Ministry of Finance, lays down that if the name of any bank whise registration had been approved before the promulgation and enforcement of the Banking Law, does not correspond to its type of business, either the business transactions shall be readjusted or the name shall be changed within one year after the promulgation of this Law (see art.14 of the Banking Law); if the name of any bank fails to indicate its type, an indication shall immediately be added and an alteration shall be made in the business registration with the Ministry of Finance (cf. the Financial Weekly, Lec. 3rd. 1947).

c) according to information published in Ta Kung Pao, Shanghai, Dec. 9th.1947, the ministry of Finance has recently announced that all banks which have not yet readjusted their business transcritions according to the law, shall comply with

Art. 53 of the Banking law concerning the restrictions on their investments, i.e. when they purchase certificates of shares of limited liability of companies for productive enterprises, public utilities or communications, the purchasing value of the share certificates of each company shall not exceed two per cent of the total amount of the deposits and the aggregate purchasing value shall not surpass twenty per cent of the total amount of the deposits; where previous investments have exceeded the above prescribed limits, readjustment shall be unde within one year. All banks shall also, according to Items 7 & 9 of Art. 50 and Items 5 & 7 of Art. 59 of the Banking Law, strictly separate their investments in productive enterprises from their purchases and sales of securities, and in particular shall keep separate accounts for them.

3.- ON THE RULES GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE REVENUE STARP DUTY LAW published in Monthly Bulletin No.X (Aug.-Sept.1947). Annex XXVI.

Through a printer's slip, there is a mistake in the date of promulgation given for the above-mentioned Rules; it should be: the 3rd, of July 1947.

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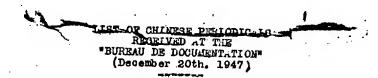
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TRAGIC CORDITION OF MONETARY CIRCULATION AND BANKING IN UHINA

China is due to monetary inflation; everyone is crying out against the depraciation of currency values. Obviously besides currency inflation the present economic poverty and the rapid riss of commodity prioss have many contributory causes such as wartime. destruction, the decrease in production, the exhaustion of our foreign exchange reserve and the paralysing of transportation. But currency inflation is still the most important factor, therefore in studying the trends of China's economics stress must be laid on the conditions affecting the currency itself and on the activities revolving around it.

I.- Characteristics of the Present Circulation of Money in China and Its Effects on rrices.

Monetary circulation in China today presents three characteristics deserving our special attention: the inflatory volume of note issue, the increasing velocity of monetary circulation; and the steadily narrosing area in which fapi circulates. With a clear understanding of these three points we can arrive at a comparatively accurate estimate of the present and future role of the legal tender in the economy of China.

1. Inflatory circulation.

according to general estimate the volume of note issue at the end of last year was about 3,500,000 million dollars. At the end of June this year it was over 10,000,000 million, showing that the Government, owing to the unbalanced budget in the first half of the year, had increased the issue of notes until it averaged over 1,00,000 million dollars per month. At the end of August, according to reliable information, the volume of notes issued was about 15,00,000 million dollars. In September and October, but use of the rise in commodity prices, the note issue was greater than in any of the preceding months.

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Assuming that until November the Government was short of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 million dollars per month, the volume of note issue cannot be less than 24,000,000 million dollars, not including notes of the Bank of Taiwan and the notes circulating in the North East. The volume of note issue in 1937 was 1,400 million dollars, even including notes issued by the various Provincial and Eunicipal Eanks it was at most 1,800 million collars. A comparison with the present figure shows an inflation of 13 to 17 thousand times:

Ahile the currency has been inflated to more than 10,000 times what it was before the war, the index numbers of commodity prices show an increase of 80,000 to 90,000 times for the same period 1) according to the index numbers of commodity prices worked out by the China monomic mesearch sureau on movember 15th, the price level was 104,671 times the prewar level, and according to the index numbers of wholesale prices for basic commodities in Shanghai, worked out at the same time by the monomic mesearch sureau of the Central Bank, it was 51,802 times. The great discrepancy between the rise in price levels and the increase in the volume of note issue is explained, spart from the general principle that the rate of the rise of prices is more rapid than that of infiction, by the condition of the circulation of the fapi.

2. Increasing Velocity of Monetary Circulation. 2)

In a period of inflation, a rise in commodity prices can be oaused not only by the volume of note issue but also by the velocity of its circulation. The people of China, who have suffered from inflation for the last ten years, have all but lost both their confidence in the fapi and their interest in keeping it. No one is willing to keep fapi but all are doing their best to exchange it for goods. The period favours the philosophy of "That you save you lose and whet you spend you have" Then prices fluctuate, the velocity of circulation of the fapi increases more and more. This is reflected in the liquidity of bank deposits. Before the wer more than 40% of these were fixed term deposits; but now, except in a few large banks, fixed torm deposits have dropped nearly to zero. In angust 1947 they constituted only 0.3% of a total deposit of 1,400,000 million dollars in the banks in Shanghai, and only 10.6% of a total deposit of more than 2,500,000 million dollars in the banks of the whole country. Moreover even these deposits are mostly public funcs or endowments shoss term is very short, usually 10 or 15 days and at most 2 or 3 months. To attract fixed-term deposits the banks have to pay interest almost as high as that on loans; deposits that really represent savings do not exist. An examination of current deposit accounts in many banks reveals at once that though figures for debits and oredits are very larse, reaching hundreds of billions of dollars, yet the credit belance remains very small, usually between 100,000 and 1,000,000 dollars. Except for special reasons, such as a large payment shead, the industrial and commercial firms will not leave large deposits in the banks.

ADDITIONAL STORES

1) Compare with becument No.75 in this Bulletin: *A keview of Commodity Prices since the Victory" (p.3) by wang Chung-wu.

No.76 in this Bulletin: "Velocity of monetary Circulation in China" by Hsu Chien-ping.

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From the figuree for the amounts cleared through the Shanghai Clearing House we can estimate the present velocity of circulation of the fapi.

Period	No,cf bille	Amount of Money
1936 Monthly Average	2,578,913 214,909	\$6,984,361,071 498,692,172
Daily average (on basis of 25 daye)	8,265	19,180,468
Sept. 1947 Faily average (on 26 daye)	4,105,502 157,945	58,783,065,681,602 2,200,887,141,600
Ratio of increase	19.1	118,994

As analysed in the above table, the number of bille cleared in september is 19 times the mouthly average of 1936 and the amount cleared is 119,000 times. On the 15th and 30th of september, when the figures were highest, the number of bills was 25 times and the amount cleared 159,572 times the average of 1935. This is more than 10 times the increase in the issue of fapi. Therefore the expansion of oredit ourrency is 10 times what it was before the war.

The economic research organication of a certain bank has calculated the velocity of deposit circulation in modern and native banks in Shanghai from the figures of clearances and statistics of deposite in several important banks. The velocity reaches 60 times per month, which means that each dollar changes hands twice a day in the market. A parallel study by the sconomic Research Bureau of the Central and gives the following results from January to June 1947:

January	19.77	april	22.57
February	24.63	klay	33.96
Jarch	21.32	June	38.06

The above statistics show that the velocity of circulation of deposit currency is continually increasing. Though no statistics later than June have yet been published, it appears that in pertembor it increased by as much as of times.

From the above discussion of the velocity of circulation of deposit currency it is clear that the velocity of cash circulation, though perhaps not so high, has increased enormously as compared with the prewar period.

This increase in the velocity of currency circulation is equivalent to an increase in purchasing power which immediately creates a demand for commoditive and services and thus acts as a etrong etimulation to commodity prices.

3. The bleadily parrowing area of Papi circulation.

The territory in which fapi circulates is continually narrowing, at present there are two great forces at work against its circulation in the countryside. The first is that fapi can no longer circulate in military areas; the second that in rural villages and small country towns considities are gradually taking the place of money as a medium of exchange. Farmers and small dealers in the interior, having lost confidence in the fapi use commodities such as rice, corn or cloth as standards of payment in their seles transactions and loan obligations. Fapi is used only for the purchase of daily

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necessaries from outside and for petty expenses. Thus the distribution of fapi in the country districts continually becomes smaller while the fopi originally circulated there is gradually driven in and centralised in the large cities.

If .- Elimination of the True Function of Benking.

The inflation of surrency can stimulate industrial and commercial development and also promote an abnormal prosperity in the banking business. But this happens only in the early stage of moderate inflation: Then the commonity prices rise rapidly again and again, and hyper inflation sets in, not only is the development of proper industrial and commercial enterprise hampered but banking itself and its position in the national sconomy are weakened.

1. The position with regard to deposits.

Before the war the amount deposited in banks throughout the country was about 4,000 million dollars: in 1936 the dsposits in all conteriols banks totalled 2,700 million edd dollars. The amount of the dsposits was therefore at that times more than the volume of notes issued. But now the deposits in banks other than government banks for the month of august was 2,500,000 million dollars for the whole country, or the squivalent of 10 to 20% of the volume of note issue. Even if we include the deposits in the Bank of China, Bank of Communications, Farmers hank, Postal Remittances Savings Pank, Central Trust and Central Cooperative Bank, the amount of deposits is equivalent only to 40 or 50% of the volume of note issue. Comparison may be made with dountries which possess a relatively stable currency, such as the United States, where in December 1946 the volume of circulation was 28,500 million dollars, while the deposit in commercial banks was 118,000 million dollars, while the deposit in commercial banks was 118,000 million dollars and the ordinary deposit in the Federal heaerve Bank was 50,400 million dollars. The total amount of deposits was more than five times the volume of notes in circulation in kingland was million pounds. The amount of deposit was more than four times the volume of note issue.

of commodity prices we find that its real value is pitifully small. In august when the wholesale commodity prices were 50,000 times these before the war, the deposits in the commercial banks of Shanghai amounted only to 1,400,000 million dollars, or the equivalent of 28 million dollars before the war. But in 1936 the deposits in the Shanghai Commercial and savings Bank alone were 140 million dollars; in the National Commercial Bank, 60 million dollars and in 8in Hua Trust & Savings Bank, 30 million dollars. At present the deposits in these banks amount at most to 40,000 or 50,000 million dollars.

To prove that the velums of deposits is in inverse ratio to the depreciation of currency value we may compare the rate of deposits and the index numbers of commodity prices over 2 years. In January 1940 the deposits in Shapshai banks amounted to 35,500 million dollars, whils the price index was about 1,000. Dividing the deposits by the price index we get a pre-war value of a little over 36 million dollars. In January 1947 the amount of deposits was 298,500 million dollars and the index number of commodities was almost 10,000; to that the prewar value of the deposits was only 29,850 thousand dollars. In August it had further declined to 28 million dollars: conditions were indeed going from bad to worse.

In October a Joint Association of the Mative Banks of the whole country was formed and held its first meeting at Manking, at which the following very important etatement was wade concerning the position of both modern and native banks:-

disturbed and the greater part of the nation's capital has ceased to pass through the banking institutions. Therefore the present financial strength of the bunks cannot be compared with what it was before the war. In the past, the deposits in a native bank in a village or town could meet the financial needs of several hundred farmer families. The funds of a native bank in a city gould supply working capital for at least thirty to eighty factories. But now sverything is changed. Native banks in the interior cities have a capital of only several hundred million dollars, while that of the small banks is sourcely worth counting. Even with apposits of the change of the strength of a pank is only shout equivalent. 10,000 million dollars the etrength of a bank is only about equivalent to that of a cloth store with a stock of a hundred odd cases of action cloth. It can haroly meet the demands of present-day Boolety.

2. Unsound competition from Government Banks.

another characteristic of banking today is the abnormal development of the power of the Government banks. Under their unfair compstition the power of the Commercial an native banks is continually decreasing. The total volume of deposite in Government banks may be compared as follows with that in other modern and native banks throughout the country for the last year and a balter (unit, all) william. and a half:-(unit: \$100 million)

Late	Banks of shole Country	Government Banks	<u>Katio</u>
Jan. 1940 June " Deo. " Jan. 1947 ABT. " June "	754 2,505 4,980 6,138 11,263 14,290	8,506 31,157 53,904 55,480 57,093 126,950	1:11 1:13 1:11 1:9 1:5

Government Banks include the Central Bank, Bank of China, Bank of Communications, Farmers' Bank, Central Trust, Postal Remittances and Savings Bank and Central Cooperative Bank. The Banks of the whole country include NOTE: provincial, municipal, commercial and native banks.

The reasone for the great discrepancy between the amounte deposited in the commercial and native banks and those in the Government banks are as follows:

- a) Government organizations and Government operated enterprisss are not allowed, under the restrictions of the law, to make dsposits in commercial and native banks.
- b) The very large loans granted by the Government lanks to industrial and commercial firms are closely related to the deposits, since by the conditions laid down in the loan contracts monsy so corrowed from the Government banks may not be deposited in other banks.
- o) The establishment of branchee by the commercial and native banks is restricted by law.

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Ten to fifteen per cent of the limited amount of deposits in the commercial and native banks has to be lodged with the Central Bank as deposit reserve. In August the Shanghai banks, with total deposits of 1,400,000 million dollars, had to lodge a reserve of 200,000 million with the Central Bank, which also received a deposit of 200,000 to 300,000 million dollars from the clearing banks. The Central Bank thus lessens the funds available to the commercial and native banks for daily use, by about 20 to 30%. When money is tight they cannot get relief from the Central Bank through rediscounting.

The three covernment Banks, the Central Trust and the Postal memittance and savings Bank make no deposit reserve in the Central Bank against their deposits, and they can obtain a supply of capital by overcraft, rediscount and remortgage with the Central Bank. They can perform the functions of an ordinary commercial bank while the ordinary commercial banks cannot perform their functions. Therefore they can take advantage of their special position and powers in competing with the commercial banks. Moreover they form a special bloc with sole powers of manufacturing and controlling currency.

For the granting of loans the Government banks are again in a privileged position. The ordinary loans which they have recently granted, with the approval of the Joint Head Office of the Four Government Banks, amount to about 2,800,000 million dollars, while the total volume of loans made in August by the commercial and native banks in Shanghai only seconded to 1,000,000 million dollars, and according to the deposit ratio of the Shanghai banks to these of the whole of the country, probably the total volume of loans from the commercial banks of all China could not have been more than 2,000,000 million dollars.

3. The impotence of the private banks.

Space limitation prevents our setting forth all the grievences of the commercial and native banks; but we must point out how the relative weight of these banks in the general social economy has been diminished by the disappearance of the social classes who have savings, the accelerated velocity of circulation and the monopolising of the greater part of the inflated currency by the government banks. The canks can no longer absorb and utilise the wealth of society but have become more agents of the industrial and commercial enterprises for paying, receiving, clearing and settling their working capital. The strength of the commercial banks has been so weakened that it is not even equal to that of a large factory or business firm.

All this has the following reactions on the money market:-

a) Commercial banks cannot meet the needs of industry and business. The amount of their deposits is stall and they are very floating. Therefore the term of deposit becomes shorter and shorter while the figure representing purchasing power steadily diminishes. In small and middlesized banks, mortgaged loans at fixed term have become rare and the chief types of loan made are discount and overdraft. Some small banks grant loans on a daily basis; one day money is easy and the bank lands; next day money is tight and it at once calls in its loans. Banks whose financial standing is so weak certainly cannot satisfy the needs of industry and business. Therefore

b) Productive enterorises, besides relying on their own resources, apply to the Government for Loans, resort to underground banks or themselves absorb deposits.

e) Though the commercial banks have been weakened, they are still the centres for credit and clearance. They cannot meet the public demand for capital, but on account of the difficulty of obtaining advances from the Government they are still the main source of finance for industry and commerce. Therefore the whole money market is ordinarily influenced by the weakness of the commercial banks. But today the money market follows not the modern or native banks but the Government banks and floating capital. The commercial and native banks are now passive and receive their impetus from others.

III. - Present Trends of Chine's Koney Market.

For a full understanding of the situation of China's banking ousiness we must study the present trends of the money market and the movement of capital throughout the country. Three main factors determine the present trends of the money market, the flow of loose capital to Shanghai from the interior, the movement of funds from North to South China, and the inability of the Central Bank to counteract the consequences of the unbalanced Budget.

1. The flow of loose capital to Shanghai.

According to the statistics of different banks in Shanghai in 1946 the money remitted to Shanghai exceeded that remitted from Shanghai by 782,500 million dollars 1). From January to September this year the inward remittances exceeded the outward by 7,780,000 million dollars. The percentage of excess of the inward remittances is steadily increasing: last year it was 200% to 300% more; this year 300% to 400%; in August it reached 656%. The cash that flows into Shanghai from all parts of the country must also amount to at least 20 to 30 thousand million dollars, judging from the fact that most of the clearance of small and middle-sized banks has to be settled in cash; but no exact statistics can be made as to the volums. Part of this money comes to Shanghai to buy industrial products and commodities, part for speculation and lending out at a high rate of interest; and part to buy forsign exchange on the black market to effect a flight of capital.

2. The movement of funds from North to South China.

The direction of flow of the wealth of the country is generally from North to South. The North 1s the main battle-field: large amounts are paid for military expenses there and the floating funds thus created, finding no use in the North, flows in large quantity to the Southern and Eastern provinces, with Shanghai as centre, there to be exchanged for such commodities as food products, cloth and industrial goods from Central China or to be used for other activities. In the past these floating funds usually

¹⁾ NOTE: At the end of last ar, the total volume of note issue only amounted to 3,500,000 million dollars.

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concentrated on the gold bar and U.S. dollar market and on the security market. But since trading in gold bars and U.S. notes has been forbidden and since the imposition of foolish restrictions on the security exchange 1, the floating fund can only concentrate on commodities or escape through buying exchange on the black. Market. A large quantity of the fapi concentrated in sham had also flows to South China by the payment of oversea remittances, while part is used to any smuggled goods and part escapes to Hongkong, to Macao or to foreign countries. As a result the flow of fapi to the south directly breaks down the control of our foreign exchange and indrectly devaluates the fapi abroad.

 Inability of the Central Bank to counteract the evils of the unbalanced Budget.

Public expenditure being continually in excess over public revenue; the covernment has to resort to continuous printing of new notes, but the notes once issued cannot be retired from circulation despite the efforts of the Central Bank. Anile the branches of the Central Bank are usually short of nosh, the markets in the same places are flooded with currency, forming a warled contrast. In the cities of manchuria and worth Opina, especially, since the beginning of this year money has remained easy and only when commodity prices rose rapidly a slight monetary stringency was felt. In shanghai the Government was able to absorb only part of the inflated currency through the sale of commodities, and the collection of a large amount in taxes. But the currency thus retired is limited. If we examine the clearence of the Government banks in Shanghai we shell find a credit balance of 30,000 million dollars in march, of 110,000 million in april, of 104,000 million dollars in may and June together; a debit balance of 123,000 million dollars in may and June together; a debit balance of 123,000 million dollars in July and of 70,000 million dollars in august, and a credit balance of over 440,000 million dollars in august, and a credit balance of over 440,000 million dollars in august, and a credit balance of over 440,000 million dollars.

But within the same period the incoming exceeded the outgoing remittances in the commercial banks in shanghai by 7,200,000 million dollars. But within the same period the incoming exceeded the outgoing remittances in the commercial banks in shanghai by 7,200,000 million dollars. Therefore the volume of currency absorbed by the Central Bank in Shanghai is only one teach of the capital flowing into the city from outside 2). Though these efforts of the Central Bank have out a measure effect on the contraction of currency, they have great influence on the money market in Shanghai. It may be said that the Shanghai money market is today the scene of the Principal Bank, in order to contract the curren

¹⁾ aDITOR'S NOTE. For a detailed study of this question, see Document No.77 in this Bulletin: "Cash Margins on the Stock Exchange: Idls Capital and Black Market" by Liu Kuang-ti.

²⁾ Note: The debit and credit belongs of cash are not included here; usually the central link in Shanghai pays out more cash than it receives.

small decreases. The Central Bank is fully aware that no local or temporary contractions of currency can stop the rise of commodity prices; but the rise can at least be restricted within certain limits by tightening the currency.

In this struggle between the Government banks and idle capital, the commercial banks are the first to suffer.

IV. - American Help is insufficient to Break these Vicious circles.

As everyone knows, the currency inflation is due to the unbellahed Sudget; and the Budget is uncolanced mainly because of the civil wer. As long as the state of wer continues, none of the methods used by the Government to believe the Budget and to counterect the present monetary coils can be effectual. The sale of gold bers and commodities and the issue of bonds have already been tried; at present the Government is attempting to bring down commodity prices by controlling the commodities. But this method obviously cannot succeed so long as the production end consumption of the whole country are not in equilibrium. What then is likely to be the future tendency of finance and what will be the fate of the fapi?

many believe that the only way to save China from economic collapse is to ask aid from america, but this is sheer illusion. The real value of american aid is often overestimated. For instance Mr. William Bullitt, in "Reactions on My Visit to China", expresses the opinion that 250 million U.S. dollars will suffice to recall all the fapi. Therefore an exchange stabilisation fund of 150 million U.S. dollars annual unsecured loan can solve China's inflation problem. We cannot agree with his point of view for the following reasons:

The fundamental problem in our currency inflation is not the bank notes already fraued, which are already in process of inflation and have shifted their burden to the people, but the future balancing of Government finance. Though 250 million U.S. dollars oun recall the existing fapi, if after its recall Government finances still cannot be balanced, the problem remains.

2. After ten years of inflation fapi has made a deep impression on the popular wind, if confidence in the currency is to be reestablished the monetary system must be reformed. Such a reform to be stable, must embody three points: there must be an ample feserve; public expenditure must not depend on note issue; and production and consumption must be mutually coherent. These three points cannot be fully achieved by aid from america, since it is to be conditional on control over China's trade and foreign exchange and limited to the supply of foreign exchange and commodities.

3. Currency inflation is not the only factor in the rise of commodity prices. The civil war is destroying or obstructing industrial, mineral and agriculturel production and paralysing transportation. The consequent decline in production and difficulty in moving commodities from place to place are the main causes accelerating the rise of commodity prices. Therefore so long as military destruction continues, production remains stagment and transportation fails to operate smoothly, even though outside aid is forthcoming and the monetary system is reformed, commodity prices cannot be stabilised; and unless they are stabilised currency inflation will simply repeat itself when outside aid is reduced or withdraws.

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4. Until the war is ended it will be extremely difficult to restore popular confidence in the currency by the issue of another kind of paper money, even with ample foreign exchange, gold or commodities as reserve, since many of the farmers in China no longer have any confidence in the fapi and will not be able to distinguish between it and the new issue. It will be very difficult to resetablish confidency unlass metallic coinage is put into circulation; but to change from a paper to a metal currency of a gold or silver stendard is hardly in accordance with modern trends, and the United States will not be willing to lend gold to China. Furthermore the value of such money would be dependent on the price of gold and silver in the international market; and as these prices are controlled by othere we could not stabilise the value of the money by our own efforts. Ones it is put into circulation within the country it may be adversely affected by these outside causes.

We are therefore forced to the conclusion that in spite of all hopes the United States cannot solve our currency inflation problem nor stabilise the economy of China. The reason is that the present economic state of China may be compared to a man euffering from a serious illness. His most urgent need is quiet and rest. American aid can only be a tonic; but if the sick man only takes a tonic and cost not rest, no good doctor will undertake to cure him.

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AN ESTIMATION OF THE QUANTITIES OF SILVER STILL IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP IN CHIMA

Although China has never been a silver producing country she had a silver standard currency up to Nov. 4th,1935 and for this reason the variations of silver price on the international market exerted a strong influence on her foreign trade and economic conditions in general. When, in Nov. 1935, the Chinese Government abandonned the silver standard to adopt the "managed" Fapi the circulation of silver coins was forbidden and people were instructed to hand over to the government banks whatever silver was in their possession. Only a relatively small amount was actually surrendered and in many parts of the country people distrustful of the nsw currency held to their silver hoarding. When international conditions were favourable large amounts of silver were smuggled and meanwhile a part of the hoarded silver has been disposed of for industrial purposes.

This being so it would be interesting to try to evaluate what approximate amount of silver remains at present in the possession of individuals or of porate persons in China. This would show to what extent fluctuations of silver prices on the interactional market still influence Chinese economy as a whole and what help the Chinese Government could obtain in its fight for disponible foreign exchange and other economic purposes, if it could by any means get hold of the silver privately possessed in this country.

I. - Methods of Estimation.

Owing to lack of statistics the estimation of the stocks of silver actually held in China is not an easy matter. The only general figures at our disposal are those compiled by E. Kann on the amount of silver in China in 1930, which he recorded to be 2,500,000 ounces, and the data on imports and exports since 1930, based on the returns of the Chinese Customs, which owing to the varied units used in computation (Haikwan tael, Customs Gold Unit, Shanghai tael and Chinase National or Standard dollar) have to be converted to ounces. The quantity of silver smuggled in 1934 in known to have been 301,378,000 ounces, representing definitely the maximum attained during all those years. Meanwhile it is estimated that silver used for industrial purposes and ornaments represents one fifth of the total stock.

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These various elements make it possible to figure approximately the total quantity of silver remaining in the whole country and belonging either to the government or to individuals.

It remains that, in order to find out the stock in private hands it is necessary to appraise the government stock and deduct it from the results obtained already. There is no available record concerning the amount of silver handed over to the governmental institutions between Nov. 1935 and the declaration of

Efforts made by the authorities to collect silver Efforts hade by the authorities to collect silver during war time met with little success. It is reported that the four government banks gathered scarcely 140,000 ounces in the whols year 1942 so that it is safe to assume that 500,000 represent a maximum for the 4 following years. It is true that after the war, a very large amount of silver, about 200,000,000 ounces went to the Government from the Federal Reserve Bank of the puppet government of North Chine and the Central Reserve Bank and the Hua Heing Bank of the puppet government of Central Chine. This last arount can be of the puppet government of Central China. This last amount can be taken as representing the present stock of silver in Government possession. By deducting it from the total obtained as indicated above we will obtain the quantity in private hands (Formula A).

The last steps to take in our estimation will be to distinguish in these private stocks, the amount of silver coins from that of silver bullion. This will present no difficulty for we know the total circulation of silver coins in 1935 and we can estimate the quantity which has since been restored to the government, or disposed of by industrialists or sent abroad. The difference between the coins circulated in 1935 and these restored or disposed of since 1935 well give the quantity kept by the people in China (Formula B).

To ascertain the amount of bullion privately owned it will suffice to multiply the results of Formula B by 0.77, to convert coins into ounces, and deduct this result from the figures obtained in Formula A.

II.- The Three Formulas for Computing the People's Stock of Silver.

Formula A. "Total silver etock in China in 1930" minus "Difference between importation and exportation of silver in the years 1930 to 1947" minus "Amount of silver snuggled to foreign countries" minus "quantity of silver used in industry" minus "Government's stock of silver" equals "Total people's stock of silver".

- 2,500,000,000 1 1 693,576,836 2 201,378,000 3 -540,000,000 4)
 - 200,000,000 ⁵) = 765,045,164 ounces.
- Notes:1) This is Kann's estimation; see attached Table V.
 2) See attached Table III.
 3) See attached Table IV.

 - 4) 1/5 of the total stock of gilver of the whole nation is considered by well-informed authorities to have been used
 - in industry and ornaments.

 5) The approximate amount of silver taken over from the Puppet Governments after Victory is here considered as the National Government stock.

Formula B. "Quantity of silver coins circulated in 1935" minus "Quantity of silver coins which have left the country since 1935" minus minus "Quantity of silver coins restored to the Government" minus B. 13, D. 74,

*Silver coins used for industry" (i.e. coins destroyed) = Quantity of silver coins kept by the people".

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\$ 551,373,568 pieces.

Notes: 1) For the quantity of silver coins circulated in 1935, see attached Table II.
2) See attached Table VI.

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Formula C. "Total people's stock of silver at present" minus "Quantity of silver in ounces derived from the quantity of silver coins kept by the people" equals Quantity of silver bullion kept by the people of whole country".

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Notes: 1) Figure from Formula A.
2) Figure from Formula B. multiplied by 0.77 to convert the sum into ounces given that dollar contains 77% of milver.

III .- Conclusion.

The question now arises whether of not the 764,000, 000 ounces of silver at present held by our people can play an important role in China's finance of to-day.

According to a report of Reuter on August 27, the market price in New York was US\$0.69 for one cunce of silver. Meanwhile one cunce of gold costs officially US\$35 so that 765,000,000 cunces of silver would be equivalent to 15,191,611 cunces of gold. If the Government could get hold of it, it would be equivalent to a loan of US\$500,000,000, or one and a half times the excess value of imports over exports in the year 1946, and would greatly relieve our finance and international balance.

But it seems unlikely that the Government can persuade the people to hand over their silver holdings. It is estimated that the biggest holdings are kept by people living in the far remote border areas, who still use silver coins in their transactions. Furthermore the failure of 1935, although much money had been wasted in setting up exchange establishments throughout the country, is not very encouraging for a new trial in the present state of affairs.

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TABLE I. - Showing the Value of Importation and Exportation of Silver from 1930 to 1947.

(of. Custome Reports)

		IMPORTA	TION	Ι.		WYD	ORTÀ	TAN T
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1932 1933 1934	CH12)	58,414,489 59,358,917 3,395,728	CNS		CNS	6,737,668 7,948,598	HK.	
1936 1936 1937	e u	2,579	u	7,434,652 10,996,768 4,710,903		11,338,201 33,178,579 21,404,000) 4	256,220,330 37,215,818 232,932,763
1938 1939	n .	1,889	M	594,880 372	66 61 23	2,607,045 1,261,652 179,455	-	396,479,158 79,068,143
1940 1941 1942	•	4,284	u	2,600		278,400		1,787,418 16,794,640 3,245,360
1943 1944 1945	CRB ³)	2,777,778	CKB	1,500	,		FRB	
1946 1947- June	CN#	18,718 25,302,000	•	•	02	3,390, 681	CNS O3	8,000 5,217,162
				•		C)	iš27.	643-066-000

NOTES:

- 1) HK = Haikwan Tael
 2) CN\$ = Chinese National Dollar
 3) CRB = Puppet Central Reserve Bank Currency
- Oz = Ounces
- 5) RB = Puppet Federal Reserve Bank Currency.

TABLE II. - Showing the Amount of Silver Dollars in Circulation up to the End of 1935.

- At the end of 1932 the number of silver dollars in circulation was as follows.
 - \$1,707,225,000
- The number of silver dollars (coins) minted in 1933.
- 27,670,000
- The number of silver dollars (coins) minted in 1934.
- 70,950,000
- The No. of silver coins minted in the lst. semester of 1955.

10,000,000

TOTAL \$1,815,845,000

This table is the combination of Page 108 and Page 116 of the "Recent History of Finance in NOTE: China" written by a Japanese.

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TABLE III. - Showing the Differences between Exportation and Importation of Silver from 1930 to 1947, by weight (from Custom Reports after Conversion to Ounces).

Year		<u>Ounces</u>	Year		<u>Ounces</u>
1930	1	79,971,563	1939	+	1.513.858
1931	-	54.238.627	1940	+	12,931,873
1932		5.656.099	1941	+	2,493,627
1933	. +	11.105.278	1942	+	477
1934	-	197,680,676	1943	+	44,275
1935	÷	45,736,174	1944	-	4,296,244
1936	+	192,209,926	1945	-	2,138,889
1937	` .	306,837,095	1946	- '	18,724
1938	+	60,735,880	1947-June	+	8,607,843

TOTAL + 693,576,836

. NOTES: (-) Means import excess (+) Means export excess.

TABLE IV .- Smuggling in 1934.

\$391,400,000 or 301,378,000 ounces (\$1 = 0.77 oz) of silver were smuggled abroad in 1934, according to Page 128 of The Articles of China's International Payments".

TABLE V .- Total Amount of Silver in China in 1930.

Nann had ascertained that China had at least 2,500, 000,000 ounces of silver among which these were 1,700,000,000 silver dollars (Cf. Central Bank of China Monthly, May 1934).

TABLE VI. - Showing the Difference in the Importation and Exportation of Silver Coins from 1935 to 1947.

Year	<u>Importation</u>	Exportation	•	Difference
1935	10.996.768	37.215.818	. +	26,219,050
1936	4,710,903	232.932.763	. +	228,221,869
1937	594.880	396,479,158	+	395,884,278
1938	372	79.068.143	+	79,067,771
1939	512	1.787.418	+	1,787,418
1940		16,794,640	+	16,794,640
1941	2,600	3,245,360	+	3,242,760
1942	7,000	. 620	+	620
1943	•	57.500	+	57.500
1944	21°,500°	0.,000	-	21,500
1945				
1946		8,000	+	8,000
1947		6,775,535	+	6,775,535
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TABLE VII. - Showing the Amount of Banknotes Issued for Buying Silver Coins from 1935 to 1936.

Amount of Banknotes issued up to December 1936. Amount of Banknotes issued up to November 1935.

\$1,167,804,000 542,965,000

Amount issued in 1936.

624,839,000

As the average annual increase of note issue during the years 1930 to 1935 was about \$200,000,000; so the total amount of bank-notes issued for the purpose of collecting silver may be considered as

624,839,000 200,000,000

424,839,000

NOTE: From Yu Chieh-liang's "China's New Currency Policy". Page 220.

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A REVIEW OF COMMODITY PRICES SINCE THE VICTORY

Fluctuations in commodity prices may be due either to changes in the supply and demand of various goods, or to variation in the value of the currency in circulation, or to both. At present however, commodity prices in China are mainly affected by the monetary depreciation.

I .- Three Stages of Monetary Inflation and Commodity Prices.

The monetary inflation in this country falls into

three stages.

1. First Stage: July 1937-Dec.1939.

The Government utilised currency inflation as a means to increase the purchasing power of the people by issuing more notes on the market. During this stage, all goods in stock were easily sold out, and production greatly improved. All idle capital and labour as well as equipment were fully utilised. The rise in conmodity prices was not very great and the velocity of monetary circulation was lower than the rate of currency inflation. To obtain work was by no means difficult, and business in general was very prosperous. But this stage did not last long.

2. Second Stage: Jan. 1940-sug. 1945.

On account of accelerating currency inflation, commodity prices rose to higher levels. The faster the increase of commodity prices, the more unbalanced was the national budget; the greater the note issue, the faster became the currency inflation, and commodity prices scared still further. The movement of currency inflation had become vicious sircle. Between December 1943 and aug at 1945, the rate of increase of commodity prices was 5:1 as compared with the rate of currency inflation (see Table 1 below). At that time, the amount of production possible with the existing technique and equipment had already reached its maximum, and no increase in capital or labour could do anything to increase it. Consequently, the growth of the output of goods lagged far behind the increase of currency issue. Commodity prices rose tremendously, and the rate of interest went up accordingly. As a

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result, the more rapid the turnover of cepital, the larger was the profit realised, and on the contrary, the longer the period of production, the darker the prospect. Hence, agriculture became less lucrative than industry, industry than commerce, and commerce less profitable than speculation. In the arena of speculation, those equipped with great financial power always benefit substantially by a rise in commodity prices. Consequently, productive enterprises had to race depression while a sense of uncertainty prevailed throughout the country as the pour became poorer and the rich became richer.

3. Shird Stage: Sept. 1945 up to the Present.

This stage has witnessed a striking change in the history of the inflation. At the time of the Japanese surrender, a golden opportunity for economic rejuvenation was actually offered to China. Her situation markedly differed from that of the war period:

- 1) The circulating zone of the legal tender expanded to the whole of China, so that currency inflation was loss felt.
- 2) As the prosperous coastal areas were recovered, supplies of materials could here easily by obtained and sources of taxation were much enlarged;
- Many wartime organisations of the Government could be dissolved, thereby reducing its expenditure;
- 4) China's US\$350,000,000 in the U.S.A. were unfrozen and two payments aggregating US\$550,000,000 were made by the U.S.A. for the expenses of American forces in this country so that the total amount of U.S. dollars at China's disposal reached 900,000,000. At the sonclusion of the Mar, China had 3,500,000 ounces of gold in stock and took over 500,000 ounces from the puppet Central Reserve Bank of China. 1) In addition approximately CM\$1,000,000,000,000 worth of properties and materials were taken over from the enemy and the puppets 2), and UE 500,000,000 worth of relief goods scaling 2,700,000 tons were received from UNRRA 3). This enabled the Chinese Government to bring down price levels by selling gold, U.S. notes and materials and recalling currency notes to the vaults of the Central Bank;
- 5) The lifting of the coastal blockade made it possible for production tools to be imported; productive technique and also production itself were greatly improved.

For the above reasons, after V-J Day, there was even a drop in the commodity prices. Though currency inflation continued, the relative rise in prices slowed down. Towards December 1946, the ratio between commodity prices and note issus was only 2.3:1.

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1) of. "Present Finance and Legal Tender", by Yang P'ei-hain, Wan Hui Pao, April 1st.1947.

- 3) of, figures issued by the alien Property administration as published in various newspapers on march 21st.1947.
- 3) of, report by the Director general of CARRA, P.H. Ho, at the People's Political Council as given in various newspapers on may 28th

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Indices of Currency and Commodity Prices (June 1937-Aug_1947)

	Time.	(Uni	nt Issued t:Gd+100, ,000)	Currency I Index	<u>ទ</u> ុខប្ <u>ងឲ</u> `	Commodity Price Index(1st six menths of 1937;	Copmodity Price Index compared with Currency Lasue Index (%)
	June 1 Dec. 1	1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	14 16 23 31 78 150 240 750 1,900	100 113 170 222 557 1,071 1,714 5,357 13,571		106.7 170.0 340.1 1,223.7 3,043.1 8,062.0 23,452.0 71,921.8	94.4 100.0 153.2 219.7 284.1 470.4
E	hec. 1 hec. 1 her. 1 June 1 July 1 aug. 1	.945 .945 .946 .947 .947	1,900 10,390 35,000 65,000 99,000 117,000	35,715 74,214 249,999 464,286 707,143 835,714 964,286		17,521.6 179,500.0 140,448.0 571,313.0 1,425,258.0 2,993,071.0 3,116,857.0 3,195,693.0	530.0 502.6 189.2 228.5 307.0 423.3 373.0 331.4

Unfortunately the influence of other factors combegan to be felt. The civil war raging with full fury cauced tremendous devastation and damage to coal mines, railwaye and productive areas. Communications were handicapped and the transportation and sale of products were rendered difficult. A general depression prevailed. The ever increasing war expenditure engulfed the Government in financial distress, and made it necessary to have recourse to note issue, thereby once more launching the country into a violoue circle of inflation. As a result, fluctuations in coamodity prices were very marked in 1947. If the price level of January 1946 is taken as basis, then in august 1947, the price of rice had increased 43 times, U.S. notes 27 times, gold 32 times and wholesale commodity prices 27 times.

b.References for Commodity Price Indices: For the period before 1944, of. "The Pholecale Commodity Price Index in Chungking" by Wong Chung-wu, Special Bulletin of Commodity Prices in Chungking, Vol. I & II, published by the Postal Remittance and Savinge Bank, for 1945, cf. the Pholesale Commodity Price Indices in Chungking, compiled by the Central Bank; for 1946 and 1947, of. the Pholesale Commodity Price Indices in Shanghai, compiled by the Central Bank.

¹⁾ NOTE: a.References for amounts of Issue: - For 1937 to 1939, of. *Out-lines of Statistics of the Chinese Republic"; for 1940 to 1945, of. article by Yang P'ci-hein, Wen Hui Pao, april 1st, 1947; for 1946 up to april 1947, of. the financial report by Finance Minister O.K. Yui on May 7th, 1947; for 1947, of. article written by Er.H.D. Feng, Chin Yung Jih Pao, august 22nd.1947.

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TABLE II

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Month	Gold	V.B. Dollars	ki oe	General Commodities
1046:				
Jan.	100	100	100	100
Feb.	185	138	233	180
March	175	136	317	211
April	172	140	364	219
⊭ay	195	158	600	255
June	. 209	174	552	259
July	215	170	706	280
Aug.	226	197	688	300
Sept.	236	241	603	330
Oct.	247	290	753	345
Nov.	277	308	653	324
Lec.	370	395	702	383
1947:			•	
Jan.	418	449	765	468
Feb.	. 60 0	815	1863	866
arch	530	813	1260	826
April		•	1670	1184
may			3420	1750
June			5010	2120
July			4720	2440
Aug.	$(3174)^{2j}$	(266 5)²	4342	2671

II.- Reflections on the dovernment Policy in Fighting Against the Scaring of Commodity Prices.

As has been sentioned above, after V-J Day, in order to bring down commodity prices, the Chinese overement had much recourse to the so-called 'tightening of currency' policy, by selling gold, U.S. notes, alien and puppet properties as well as U.S. Army surplus materials and taking back C.N. notes from the people's hands. But so long as the Government had not a balanced budget, all such measures could be of little swail. We have merely to consider the budgetary position of the Government for 1946: the budget amount had been set at CN-2,750 billion, but the actual expenditure reached 6,000 billion or 2.4 times the first estimate 3). Further, in connection with this currency tightening policy, the Government has passed many erroneous measures whose evil effects may be cited below:

Airst, at the time when the Government tried to tighten the currency, it simultaneously promoted the policy of a low rate of interest among bankers. As a result, all depositors withdrew their money

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- 1) from Cheng Yen Pao.
- 2) The figures in brackets are approximate. In January, 1946, the price of one ounce of gold was CN+86,685 and of a U.S.+ note CN+1,470. The price of gold around august 1947 is here taken as CN+2,700,000 and that of a U.S.+ notes CN+39,000.
- 3) of article by Chen Shao-pin, Ta Aung Pao, Harch 10th. 1947.

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from banks and either investes in speculation or passed it to 'underground' banks which escaping all Government control, paid high interest to absorb deposits and engaged in speculations and harding.

sscondly, when on account of large sales of U.S. notes by the covernment, U.S. collar quotations were kept to a very low level (see Table 3 below), no limitation was imposed on imports. The result was that the chinese market was congested with cheap imported goods, which dealt a deadly blow to domestic industries.

Thirdly, after the covernment had lost too much foreign exchange, it began to think of restricting imports. Consequently commodity prices sourced still higher.

Nourthly, the selling of large quantities of gold and U.S. notes by the Government at low quotations greatly reduced its financial power. Most of information from a reporter in Mashington, China's foreign exchange sinking fund in January 1st. 1947 was only US450,000 1). Though this information may not be reliable, yet the financial stringency of our Government at this time is out of question. When the Government could not sell any more gold or greenbacks, immediately the price of the latter rose, and commodity prices were also brought up. The country faced a most serious financial crisis known as the "gold and greenback rush".

TABLE III

Commodity Prices and Gold & U.S. & Quotations in the 1st Half of 1937 & on Jan. 15th.1947

<u>Ki nā</u>	Prios in the lst.	Price on Jan.	Number of
	half of 1937	15th. 1947	Times In-
	(CNa)	(Cd.)	creased
Rice (Shih fan) Flour(49 gbs.) Cotton(Shih fan) Edible Cil(Shih fan Coal (Ton) Pig fron(Ton) Gold (Cunce) 1 U.S.	11.41	69,000	6,047
	3.97	27,000	6,801
	45.0	157,000	3,488
	22.3	135,000	6,054
	22.7	750,000	33,039
	109.5	2,400,000	21,917
	115.0	373,250	3,246
	3.33	6,625	1,989

III. The Gold & Greenback Rush and its kffect on Commodity Prices.

It is first to be noted that since the enforcement of the legal tender policy in China in 1935, the buying power of the Chinese dollar has been dependent upon its value as compared with foreign currencies. Hence the rise or fall in quotations of foreign exchange reflects directly the external value and indirectly also the domestic value of the Chinese legal tender. In a similar way, gold as a rectious metal has also been serving as instrument for measuring the foreign as well as domestic value of the Chinese currency.

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1) of, report by the director general of CERRA, P.H.Ho, at the People's Political Council as given in various newspapers on May 28th.1947.

2) From the financial weskly published by the Joint Head Office of the 4 government Bunks.

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The term agold & greenback rushs refers to the rapid scaring of the quotations of gold and greenbacks, which stimulated the rise in commodity prices. The main cause of this crisis already given at the end of the preceding chapter was accentuated by many other factors.

In December 1946, the quotation of the U.S. dollar once reached the height of CN\$7,700 and gold was at CN\$395,000 per ounce. Later the Central Bank sold out gold and greenbacks in huge quantities, and on the 23rd. of the same month the quotations began to drop, with gold becoming stable at CR\$340,000. The Chinese Lunar hew Year came in the latter half of the month of January 1947. A bonus was given to workers by various factories in Shanghai, aggregating more than CR\$500 billion. The Government granted industrial loans to 314 factories, which amounted to 65.5 billion at the same time the central dank issued new denomination notes of 250 and 500 clustoms cold Units totalling about CR\$390 billion as estimated from the number printed on the new notes 2). Surthermore, as in many places, peace and order could not at once be restored, capital fled to Shanghai from the interior. In January and February 1947, about CR\$560 billion poured into Shanghai 3). Therefore, loose capital suddenly increased on the Shanghai market, and the control of the Government ever gold and greenbacks became weak. As a result, the price of gold exceeded \$400,000 per oz. With one more huge selling by the Government, the sparing was temporarily checked. On the 4th of February, however, the price of gold reached 480,000, and on the 10th, the Central Bank suspended the selling of CR\$940,000 on the 11th. The market thus became very chaotic and all gold shops and native banks suspended their business.

TABLE IV

Daily Quotations of Gold and U.S.Dellars-Jan.4th.to Feb.14th.1947.4)

Date	Gold Quotations	U.S. = Quotations		
Jan. 4th.	CN#350,000 per ounce	CNa 6,500 per UB\$1		
6th.	358,000	6,500		
7th.	360, ბებ	6,300		
8th.	. 364. ບະິນ	6,250		
9th.	370,000	00 اوس		
10th.	384,000	6.700		
llth.	374.000	6.700		
13th.	368.000	0,500		
14th.	372,000	6,700		
15th.	378,000	6,600		
16th.	375,000	6,600		
17th.	386,000	6,600		
18th,	384,000	6,500		
24th.	413,000			
27th.	408.000	7,100		
28th.	396,000	6,800		
29th.	396,000	5,900		
30th.		7,000		
3lst.	413,000	7,900		

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- 1) of, report by the Segenvisory Committee on the Gold and Greenback much. A willion is here taken as 1,000,000,000.
- 2) of article written by wang Szu-shu, fen Hui Pao, April 23rd. 1947.
- 3) cf. Chin Yung Jih Fao, July 4th.1947. 4) From Chin Yung Jih Pao, July 2nd.1947.

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Late	Gold Cuotations	U.S. & Guotations		
Feb. 1st. 3rd. 4th. 5th. oth. 7th. 8th. 10th. 11th. 12th. 13th.	CN4410,000 par ounos 445,000 186,000 495,000 491,000 538,000 700,000 940,000 830,000 710,000	7,700 per US#1 8,000 8,800 8,800 9,400 10,400 14,000 15,000 14,000 12,000		

Finally, Emergency Economic Measures were promulgated by the Government, prohibiting the circulation of foreign currencies, the buying and selling of gold and also speculation. The official rate of foreign exchange was readjusted to anyl2,000 for US\$1 and the cost of living index was frozen, taking that of January 1947 as the maximum. As no effective control was laid on importation and at the same time no sufficient foreign exchange was supplied for nacessary than the furtier exchange of ack market was still rampent. The same time no sufficient foreign exchange was supplied for necessary imports, the foreign exchange black market was still rampant. The Government wanted to call in all gold at the officially regulated price of Osw480,000 per ou ce, but did not succeed. As to freezing the cost of living index, there were many practical difficulties: Since the Government could not freeze the commodity prices, how could it peg the index? Hence, the effect of the Economic Emergency Measures could not be lusting. The following table shows commodity price levels before and ofter the Gold and Greenback Rush:

TABLE V

Fluctuations in Commedity Prices in Shanghai Before and After the Gold & Greenback Rush 1)

Journal ty (1	eb. 6th. O Days be- ore ERM 2)	Feb.11th. Peak of Rush	Feb. 17th. Day of Pro- mulgation of KEW)		Apr.15th. 2 months after ERM)
Rice CNS	(ens (ns c	r\$
(Shih Tun)	86,000	140,000	120,000	107,000	144,000
Flour (Bag)	40,000	40,00	52,000	53,000	70,000
Edible Oil(100	1		,	•	
Shih Chin 3))	190,000	300,000	235,000	287,000	350,000
Cotton(Szu	200,000	000,000			•
an Tan 4)	250,000	580,000	520,000	650,000	930,000
Di tuni nous	200,000	000,000	•==		•
coal (Ton)	800,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
	3,200,000		7,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000
Pig Iron(Ton)	3,200,000	p,000,000	,,000,000	4,000,000	•,•••,•••
steal (lud	0.00	g 03. 133	5 500 500	0.540.000	3,08 0,000
shih Chin)	2,200,000	3,930,000	$\delta_{x}\delta\partial U_{y}\partial U C$	2,540,000	010001000
Cament			66.313	100.000	206 .50
(Burrel)	100,000	100,030	75,000	190,000	220, વવેઇ
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1) From the Financial Weekly.

2) EEE stands for Leonomic Emergency Measures.
3) 1 Shih Chin = 0.5 Agr.
4) 1 Szu Ma Tan = 41.34 Agrs.

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IV. - The Rice hush and its aftermeth.

The year 1940 immediately after the conclusion of the dar, witnessed a fair improvement in the food situation in Chin. During that year supplies of rice and wheat in this country totalled 1,367,163,000 Shih Tan, a little more than in 1936 (ede Table 6 below), while after the protracted war, the Chinese population must have diminished. Therefore, it did not neem likely that there would be any shortage in food supplies in the following year 1947. Revertheless the food problem, as we shall see, is far from being solved in 1947.

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Supplies of Rice and Wheat in 1946 1) (Unit: 1,000 Shib Ten)

Year	Quantity of Production	<u>Cuantity of Import</u>	Total
1946	1,357,532	9.631	1,367,163
1936	1,332,557	8,543	1.341.100
1935	1,296,589	36,347	1,332,936
1934	1,146,064	24,720	1,170,784

dilitary movement as well as conscription often compels farmers to give up farming, and inundations and droughts in many places create the fear of food shortage. According to news-paper reports in 1947, the harvest in the corth dopei was forecast at less than 50% of what it used to be and that in shansi at only 30%. In June 1947, in awangtung about 60 districts with 5 million inhabitants suffered from inundation. The same disaster befoll several districts with a total of 1-1/2 million inhabitants in Kwangsi. Food chortage has been keenly felt in the Northeast and in many other war zones.

Furthermore, disrupted communications make it difficult to transport foodstuffs from producing centres to consumers in other places. The nesult is that food is very badly distributed and prices differ considerably in different localities. In the past, this country used to have organisations whose work was to adjust the supply and demand of foodstuffs in order to avoid serious price fluctuation. But this system was discarded long ago.

TABLE VII

Difference of Rice Prices in Various Places. 2)

Place	April 21st.	May 5th.	June 2nd.	July 7th.
Shanghai	000 Par 100	083070,000	ON3 410.000	CN# 445,000
Howken	100 , 000	110, 000	170,000	220,000
Changena	108,000	98,000	130,000	•••
Chungking	58, ააა	60,000	85,000	210.000
F,ooop om	176,000	209,000	500,000	450,000
H⊶nchow	185,000		380,000	
sien	3 05,000	400,000	490,000	500.000
Taiyu: n	36U, ŬUŬ	562,000	1,150,000	
Peiping	277,000	570,000	705,000	1,050,000

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- 1) Basel on the estimates of the Central agricultural Experiment Institute and Custome' reports.
- 3) from the Minancial Weekly.

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may be very different. This can be best illustrated by taking reiping and kaoyang both in Hopei.

TABLE VIII

Comparison of Foodstuff Frices in Feiping & Kacyang 1)
(Unit: 1 Chin = 0.605 Kgr.)

<u>ai nd</u>	Paiping		Kaoy	en <i>e</i>
	April 1st.	May 1st.	April let.	
White Flour Rice Edillet Edible Oil Wheat	1,450 1,100 650 3,300 1,100	3,000 2,300 1,760 - 7,000 1,600	1,300 1,100 700 4,000 970	1,500 1,500 930 4,200 1,160

The fluctuations in the price of goods on account of shortage and bad distribution were accentuated by the continuous currency inflation. The Government carried on its note printing, and in april, the note issue index reached 4,600 times the pre-war volume (see Table 1 above). Furthermore, idle capital continued to flee to sherghai; in Karch and april, it amounted to CN\$1,200 billion 2), as the Economic Emergency Measures could not step or slow down the inflationary tendency, they were ineffective also in settling the economic problems. When idle capital was banished from speculation in gold and greenbacks, the sphere of its activities changed over to the hoarding of rice.

In April 1947, the price of rice rose tremendously, and cases of rice robbery were repeatedly reported in Auhai, Shachsing, Hangohow, Muhu, Hofei, Chich'i, Hauanch'eng, Manling, Fucheng, Shanghai, Manking, A'uenshan, Chengtu, Auanhaien, Meikiang, Lungch'ang, Tatsu, and other places, among which Wuhu and Muhai are famous for their production of rice.

As rice is a fundamental requiste of daily life, the lower the standard of living, the more important is the place which rice occupies on the consumers' budget. Consequently with the sharp scaring of rice prices, the masses suffer the most.

Therefore the Government felt compelled to unfreeze, the cost of living index. Wages were increased, and so was the cost of production, which eventually entailed a general riss in commodity prices. As the salary of officials was also readjusted, the Government was obliged to put out new notes, thus still further pushing up the price level. Then came the bad news that the long awaited 500 million US\$ loan had been cancelled. June 23rd. was the Iragon Boat Festival Lay; general consumption increased considerably. The Government Limited the amount of subsidies to the public utility enterprises, which were compelled to raise their charges. All these factors came in one after another to stimulate the scaring tendency of commodity prices, so that from april 16th, to the beginning of July, the general price level had increased two to three times.

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- 1) From the "Economic Struggle in the Central Hopei" Chin Yung Jih Pac, may 20th, 1947.
- 2) cf. Chin Yung Jih Fao, July 4th. 1947.

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TABLE: IX

Fluotuation of Commodity Prince Before and after the sice Bush in 1947.

(Unit: in C.F.C.)

Name of Commodity	April loth	April 25th	. May 26t	h. June 7th. July 4th.
Sice(Shih Tan) Flour (Bag) Rape Seed Oil(Chin Cotton(Szu ma Tan) Situminous Coal	144,000 70,000) 350,000 930,000	210,000 75,000 480,000 1,680,000	425,000 145,000 630,000	420,000 460,000 125,000 117,000 510,000 760,000 1,600,000 1,870,000
Fig Iron(Ton)	5,000,000	7,000,000	1,400,000 8,000,000 6,720,000 450,000	1,300,000 1,800,000 7,600,000 1,200,000 6,050,000 7,400,000 450,000 560,000

Comparing the prices of June this year with those of one year ago, gold and greenbacks had been multiplied 15 times, rice, tung oil and bean oil ten times. Compared with ten years ago (1937), coal had increased 90,000 times, rice, cloth and silk about 50,000 times, gold 26,000 times, and greenbacks about 12,000 times.

TABLE X

Prices in 1937, June 1946 and June 1947 1) (in CNy)

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<u>Xi nđ</u>	First Half Year of 19		June 30,1947	Index of Increase During the year	Increase During the
Rice(Shih Tan) Flour (Bag) Rean Oil (100	11.2 4.0	47,667 14,633	490,000 133,000	10.3	47,35 0 33, 250
Shih Chin) Silk(Szu da fan Tung Oil(100	22.3 674.1	62,000 2,097,408	740,000 32,500,000	11.9 15.5	33,184 48,212
Shih Chin) serge (Piece) sugar (loo shih Goal (Ton) Gold (Ounce) 1 U.S.3	46.1 8.9 Chin)16.0 21.4 115.0 3.3	70,000 58,007 98,000 296,067 191,607 2,587	720,000 400,000 580,000 2,050,000 (3,000,000 ²) (40,000 ²)	10.3 7.9 5.9 6.9 15.7	15,618 49,438 36,049 96,001 26,087 12,121

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¹⁾ For the first half of 1937 and June 1946, of. "The Statistics Semi-annual Review" published by the Shanghai Eunicipal Government; for June 30, 1947, of. market quotations published by Cheng Yen Pao. For the quotations of gold and greenbacks for 1937, of. the Financial Weekly, and those for 1940, the

²⁾ Black market quotations.

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The facts given above show clearly that the fluctuation in commodity prices ie mainly due to currency inflation. at present, the domestic value of the Chinece legal tender is only 1/32,000 of the pre-war value, and the external value is only 1/12,000. The seriousness of the situation can no longer be neglected.

We therefore suggest that the efforts of the Government be directed along the following lines:

- 1. Effort to balance the Budget and to make it public in order to win the confidence of the people;
- 2. Covering of extraordinary expenditure by extraordinary means, such as special taxes, but not by issuing more notes;
- 3. Carrying out of planned production and systematic distribution of ray materials and products required and yielded by various production unite and the ensuring of reasonable profits to producers:
- 4. Enforcing a rationing system so as to hold off the extra oupltal from the too few goods.

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VELOCITY OF MONETARY CIRCULATION IN CHINA

In normal times the velocity of circulation of money is generally constant. But in times of currency inflation, especially in a period of hyper-inflation, we have to take into account the increasing rate of velocity of the circulation. For when everyone is anticipating an appreciation or a rise of prices two kinds of monetary shange are likely to develop. First, the money originally hoarded is set free to buy commodities and services, and this contributes to further raising of prices lead services, and this contributes to further raising of prices lincrease of velocity of circulation is bound to go up. This increase of velocity is equivalent to an increase of the currency actually circulating, and similarly the money set free from hoarding increases the speed of circulation.

The first of these two kinds of monetary change, relative to the money set free from hoarding, should not be overlooked in the beginning of a period of rising prices. But after the prices have continually risen for a certain longth of time, it can almost be disregarded, especially when the stage of vicious hyper-inflation is reached. In such a period the money originally hoarded has already been spent on the market and no one cares to hoard money anew. Therefore, although shortly after victory, when the bear psychology prevailed, some hoarding of money may have taken place, we can leave naide the question of money hoarding, when we study the volume of money in actual circulation during the letter part of the war end the post war period.

1) NOTE: For instance, the v. ume of money is 100 units, 10 units of which are hoarded. Thus, there are only 90 units in actual circulation (assuming that the velocity of circulation is disregarded). Now if the volume of money is increased or inflated by 10 units, regulating in a popular anticipation of a rise of prices, the money originally hoarded will begin to circulate. Apparently the volume of money increases to 110 units from 100 units. But in reality it is equivalent to increase to 110 units from 90 units. Therefore, an increase of the volume of money by 10 units may bring about a rise of 12% instead of 10%.

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But the change in the velocity of circulation is a problem that requires careful study, as it is one of the main reasons why at present; the rate of the rise in prices exceeds that of the increase in the volume of notes issued by the Central Bank.

I.- The Present Increase of Velocity of Circulation.

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equal to that of the increase or decrease of the currency in circulation MV + M'V' 1), if we assume that the volume of trade T is constant; and it inversedly corresponds to that of the increase or decrease of the volume of trade, when the amount of currency actually circulating is constant.

Though figures relative to the speed of currency circulation are not available, yet sample statistics relating to the speed of circulation of the deposit currency (the current deposits of different banks) in Shanghai have been made by the sconomic Research Bureau of the Central Bank from the date available this year. Let present, such statistics have been made out up to, and including, the month of May. From 200 commercial banks both modern and native, 30 banks were chosen at random, to which have been added one provincial bank and one municipal bank, making a total of 32 units. By dividing the monthly total debits of current deposit accounts in these 32 banks by the average of the balances of their current deposit accounts on the 10th, on the 20th and at the end of the month a quotient is obtained which represents the velocity of circulation of the month;

January	19,77
February	24.63
March	21.32
April	22.57
May '	33,9ა

The table shows that the velocity of circulation in January this year was low in comparison with the other months. This may be due to the fact that there were less business days in January. The prices rose rapidly in February and circulation accelerated. But in the latter part of the month it was influenced by the Emergency Roonomic Measures, and slowed down accordingly in March and April. Thereafter, in May the velocity of circulation again increased greatly.

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March	86.3	59.7
April	78.6	65.4
May	150.4	121.7

The lowest velocity of circulation, as reported in two other banks, also far exceeds the normal:

	Bank A.	Bank B.
January	8.1	10.9
February	13.5	12.9
March	8.8	11.8
April	7.0	11.4
May	12.3	17.1

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It should be noted however cannot be taken as representing the condition of the country as a whole for several reasons:

- 1) The speed of circulation in Shanghai is higher than in any other place, as Shanghai owing to its Stock Exchange is the center of speculation in the country.
- 2) In: the above statistics current deposits in the Government banks which are usually several times as much as those in the commercial banks are not included 1), Moreover, as the Government banks do not practise the "immediate credit" system which is to be discussed later, the velocity of circulation of current deposits in the Government and the circulation of current doposits in the Government and the commercial banks combined should be lower than that of the deposit currency in the commercial banks alonc.
- 3) Our sample statistics only deal with the deposit money (M') as there is no way to find out the velocity of circulation of currency (M) itself.

II .- Influence Excrted by "Immediate Credit".

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The acceleration of circulation, is undoubtedly due to the popular attitude of anticipating rises in prices. In Shanghai, bull speculations in shares, gold bars and U.S. notes have been exerting great influence on the speed of circulation.

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		(Unit:	GN\$1,000,000,000)
1947	January Fobruary March April May June July August September October November December January February	605.8 683.8 717.6 1,208.1 1,299.0 2,436.1 3,185.7 3,089.2 3,607.2 3,203.0 4,421.0 5,012.3 5,160.3 5,017.6 5,025.9	71.0 77.5 105.7 177.4 186.5 212.1 273.2 288.2 341.9 369.4 431.9 462.7 542.0 678.6 1,008.8

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Deposits in Government banks are based on the statistice of the Joint Head Office of the 4 Government Banks and include those of Central Bank, Bank of China; Bank of Communications, firmers' Bank and the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank, Deposite in the commorcial banks both modern and native are based on the statistics given by the "Auditing Department of the Central Bank".

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It may be said that such an anticipating psychology affects the velocity of circulation in a speculative market to the highest extend and the velocity of circulation of money in the wholesale commodities market in a lesser degree while the money in the hands of the consumers for consumption purposes is comparatively the least affected. Owing to the rapid scaring in prices during and after the war, the speculative Larket and the wholesale commodities market have found it inconvenient to use cash and use chacks instead. Therefore the velocity of circulation of deposit currency must be higher than that of cash (i).

According to the statistics given above, the rate of velocity of circulation of the deposit money in an individual bank in one month sacesas 100 times and that the sample commercial banks combined exceeds 30 times. Such a phenomenon cannot develop in a city where a sound clearing system prevails. For under the clearing system, when a depositor lodges checks with a bank other than the drawee bank or bank of payment, such checks must go through the clearing process which takes place once a day in the clearing base, before creat is given for them. Therefore the monthly velocity of circulation of deposit currency, at any rate cannot exceed the number of working days which is 26 in a month. If it has reached nearly 34 times in Shanghai the cause is to be found in the "immediate credit" system adopted by the banks here as also in Chungking and other large cities.

The so called "immediate credit" system means that credit is given for checks even before they are actually collected. Then a depositor of bank A deposits a check drawn by another against another bank, the bank A, on the system of immediate credit for such a check, allows him to draw a new check against the face value of the deposited check. In other words, the depositor presents a check drawn by some one else which, before going through the clearing house, becomes at once his current deposit subject to check. Therefore with the "immediate credit" system, the velocity of circulation can be increased to the greatest extent.

Of course, a depositor does not automatically get the privilege of "immediate credit". He has to obtain the permission of the bank and theoretically the bank does not grant this privilege to every depositor. But inasmuch as such a system exists in Shanghai, it would be difficult to attract deposits especially in the case of small sized banks, new established banks and native banks in general, if such a privilege were refused.

Of course, banks of long standing with good business are rather reductant to give "immediate credit", and the Government banks in particular do not accord such a privilege at all to their depositors.

The influence of the "immediate credit" system on the velocity of circulation can be illustrated by the following comparative table. This table gives, on the one side, the average velocity of circulation of the deposit currency of the commorcial banks in Shanghai (As given above) and, on the other side, the average velocity of circulation in the Government banks which do not grant the "immediate credit" privilegs.

	Average for all Ranks in Shanshei	4 Government Banks
January	19.77	-12.03
February	24.63	12.47
March	21.32	12.68
April	22.57	13.37
May	33.96	18.07

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system is due to the demand of the market, but the demand, in Lost cases, does not come from concerns with proper business activities, as on the average the monthly turn over of their capital can hardly be more than 30 times. Thus, in general, such firms do not request immediate credit for their checks. Those who want such a system of "immediate credit" are really speculators buying and selling on a very small margin of profit on the wholesale commodities market and on the Stock Exchange, as the turn over of their capital has to be very fast in order to ensure more substantial gains.

III. - Velocity of Circulation, Volums of Trade, and the Present Lay Prices.

The fact that the rate of the rise in prices exceeds that of the increase in the volume of money can be partly explained by the increase in the velocity of circulation.

For instance, the volume of money before the war, according to a number of authorities, consisted of 1,400 million dollars in bank notes and 1,400 million dollars in current deposits making a total of 2,800 million dollars. Meanwhile, it is estimated that the velocity of circulation of money before the war was 2 times per month. The volume of currency in april this year consisted of 6,970,000 odd million dollars in bank notes and 6,300,000 odd million dollars in current deposits, making a total of 13,300,000 odd million dollars, about 4,750 times what it was before the war. But the price index in Shanghai for april 1947 was 14,250 times and in Chungking for the same month 5,020 times what it was before the war. If we assume that the average price index of the whole country was 12,000, then the rate of rise in prices will be 2.5 times th t of the increase of the volume of money.

In the light of the formula $P=\frac{MV+M!V!}{\pi}$, the

excessive rise in price is either due to an increase of the velocity of circulation by 2.5 times supposing no change has occurred in the volume of trade, or to a decrease of the volume of trade by 40% if the velocity of circulation has remained unchanged, or to a slighter decrease of the volume of trade accompanied by a certain increase of the velocity of circulation.

According to common sense, the volume of trade must have decreased, and statistics indicate that the velocity of circulation has increased. But since we have no accurate data in either case, no reliable estimate can be made. If the figures for april are used here as an example it: is simply because the volume of note issue up to the end of April has been made known to the public by Minister of Finance Yu. The volume of note issue as stated above is the volume actually issued minus that in the volut of the main and branch offices of the Central Bank. If the above figures are reliable, though the velocity of circulation of M + M' per month in the whole country has increased in a certain measure it cannot be over 5 times (or equivalent to 2.5 times what is used to be before the war), otherwise the volume of trade T would have increased, which cannot be accepted according to common experience. On the other hand, the volume of trade must not have been reduced by more than 40%, otherwise the velocity of circulation would be even lower than it was before the war, which is not in keeping with the statistics given above.

Therefore, assuming on the coe hand, that the velocity of circulation has increased and on the other that the volume of trade has decreased, assuming at the same time that before the war, the velocity of circulation was 2 and the volume of trade was 1, the relationship between the increase and the decrease of the two factors may be shown as follows:

 Velocity of circulation
 5
 4.5
 4.0
 3.5
 2.5
 2.0

 Volume of traces
 1
 0.0
 0.8
 0.7
 0.5
 0.4

In other words, if there is no change an the volume of trade, the velocity of circulation per month will be 5. If the volume of trade decreases by 1, 10, the velocity of circulation will be 4.5. If the volume of trade decreases by 4/10, the velocity of circulation will be 3. If the volume of trade decreases by 5/10, the velocity of circulation will be 2.

However, it must be pointed cut that the conclusion that the velocity of circulation cannot be higher than 5 (2.5 times what was before the war) is based on the following four figures:

- 1) The volume of currency before the war; 2,800 million dollars.
 2) The average velocity of circulation in the whole country per month, which was 2 before the war.
 3) The present (april) volume of currency, which is 13,300,000 million dollars.
- 4) The present (April) price index number: 12,000 times what was before the war.

Though the first and the second of these figures have frequently been cited by economists, nothing indicates that they are absolutely reliable. The third figure does not include the deposit ourrency of the Central Trust Corporation and the Cooperative treasuries. As to the fourth figure, it is still more questionable, because we have the price index numbers of only two cities, and any average price index of the whole country based on the figures of only two cities is rather arbitrary; at most, such an average is only an approximation. Moreover, there are at present two kinds of price index numbers, namely the price index number of the basic commodities compiled by the Economic Research Department of the Central Sank and the index number of the wholesale prices by the China Institute of Though the first and the second of these figures compiled by the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank and the index number of the wholesale prices by the China Institute of Economics. The former is lower than the latter. For example, with regard to the price index for .pril 1947 for Shanghai, the former gives 14,252 times and the latter, 22,161 times. The former uses the first half year of 1937 as the basic period, while the latter uses 1936. We use the index numbers of the Central Bank here, because the Central Bank compiles at the same time the index numbers for Chungking, while the China Institute of Economics only prepares index numbers for Shanghai. In view of the above, our conclusion that the monthly average velocity of monetary circulation in the whole of Chica cannot exceed b times, can only be considered approximate.

However, in comparing this seemingly accurate average velocity of monetary circulation for the whole country with the velocity of circulation of currency deposits in Shanghai, we are led to a sure conclusion: that the commercial banks in the have been a most effective instrument for helping to increase the volume of effective our entry, for stimulating price scaring and for facilitating an culation and hourding. Thus it is no wonder that the price level in Shanghai in higher than that in any other place in the country, and that capital from interior China flows to Shanghai, causing the economic depression of the interior.

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CASH MARGINS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE: IDLE CAPITAL AND BLACK MARKET

Since the introduction on the Shanghei Stock Exchange, on Nov. 14th.1946, of transactions with deferred delivery, there have been several different rulings concerning the amount of the margin. At first it was fixed at 30% of the total transaction; 10% to be paid in cash and the other 20% in securities quoted on the market. Later, a written guaranty from a bank, modern or native, was accepted in place of the securities; while in the middle of May 1947 the Ministry ruled that the 20% not paid in cash should be covered by U.S. dollar Bonds. This move was unwelcome to the brokers and a compromise was temporarily reached, by which the 20% could be paid in U.S. dollar Bonds or in cash or in both. Finally the Ministries of Finance & Economics, carrying out an order from the Executive Yuan, notified the Security Exchange that from July on the margin was fixed at 50% of the total transaction, payable in cash only.

The object of the following article is to examine the effects on the Stock Exchange of this last reform, now four months in force; and the nature of the troubles it has brought in its train and finelly to present some suggestions towards a remedy.

I. The Experience of the Past Four Months.

During these months the outlook has remained dark, while there has been a great increase in commodity prices, the situation has been gradually becoming more grave, and security quotations, against general expectation, have shown a singular tendency towards depression. Calculating from the first week of July as the basic period, the commodity price index of the 3rd, week in October was 239%, a rise of nearly 150% while the security quotation index reached 122.4%, a rise of 25% only (see Table I below). Thus there is no longer any correlation between these indices.

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TABLE I

Stock quotation and Commodity

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Period	Index of Conmodity Prices	Stock Quotations
July 1947		
1st.week	100.0	100.0
2nd. =	101.6	115.6
3rd. "	103.8	106.9
4th.	103.3	58.1
5th. "	104.8	88.7
August 1947		
lst.week	104.4	85.9
2nd. "	102.3	81.1
3rd. "	109.5	84.5
4th. "	116.0	93.5
September 1947		•
lst.week	121.8	94.2

A study of the total volume of business transacted in the Stock Exchange, the debit balances of inventory accounts and the amount of the cash margin, will reflect the prosperity or depression of the security market.

TABLE II

Yolume of Business Transacted Debit Balances of Inventory Accounts and Amount of Gash Margin

(Daily Averages. Unit: CN\$1,000,000,000)

Period	<u>Vo</u> Business	lune of Transacted	Balances	Cash Persins
	Total	Daily Aver.	Daily Avor.	Daily over.
1946;				
Nov.	180.0	6.9		1.82
Dec.	276.5	10.6	4.89	2.58
1947:			. 4,00	2.00.
Jan.	238.5	9.6	6,19	3,28
Feb.	990.9	41.3	20.40	10.25
_ Mar.,	1.952	78.2	48.29	24.75
Apr.	3.404	130.8	120.09	41.04
úay	4.717	174.7	126.44	65.28
Jun.	2.719	118.2	91.03	
Jul.	2.823	112.2	56.14	35,07
Aug.	2.055	82.3	38.64	29.56
Sep.	2.423	93.1	32.86	20.36
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Then, using June 1947 as basic period, let us ascertain the recent amounts and fluctuations of transactions with deferred delivery and corresponding debit balances:

TABLE III

Volume of Deferred Transactions and Corresponding Debit Balances

Peri od	Deferred Transactions Index	Lebit Balances Index
1947:		
Jun	100.00	100.00
Jul.	91.7	58.73
AUS.	61.7	39.43
Şep.	66.8	33.08
Oct.	85.o	34.6
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II. ** absorption of Idle Capital α stabilisation of Commodity Prices.

The original aim of the Government in ordering the formation of the Stook Exchange was to absorb idle capital, to stabilise commodity prides and to increase revenue. Our study shows that the increase of the cash margin has made the realisation of this air impossible. After the coming into force of the imergency Economic Measures, in February 1947, idle capital flowed into the security market, bringing it to an unprecedented boom which attracted public attention. Some feared that this prosperity of the security market would react on commodity prices and therefore asked the Government to strengthen its control on the Exchange, forgetting that a security market is purely competitive. Unlike the commodity market and the gold bar and U.S. note market, where control is difficult, in the security market an order from the government can easily produce either a negative or a positive effect. The 50% cash margin requirement was certainly aimed at preventing speculation and absorbing idle capital, with a view to lossening its effect on commodity prices, but to judge from the last four months it msrely led to increased speculation on securities in the black market. Idle capital withdrew from the regular security exchange and commodity prices rose even more rapidly, on account of the infletion.

The security market, as we have said, performs the function of absorbing floating funds, whose volume may be gauged by the amount of the cash margin received each day on the security exchange. According to the statistics, in May, when the cash margin required was only 10%, the average cash margin daily realised by the exchange amounted to more than 65,000 million dollars. But when the cash margin requirement was increased to 50% the amount of cash margin collected dropped rapidly. In July the average daily cash margin receipts were 29,000 million odd dollars, a decrease of more than 50%. This decrease continued through the next three months; though commodity prices registered the highost level of the year in September and October the volume of security transactions showed little increase and the cash margin receipts dropped almost to the level it had held before the Emergency according dessures were enforced in minimality. This shows that the increase of the cash margin from 10% to 50%, for from absorbing a greater amount of idle capital has in fact lessened the receipts from cash margin.

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In another article we are lysed the effect of security prices on commodity prices over a period of years, concluding that the basic cause of the rise in commodity prices is unbridled inflation. Unless inflation ends there is no way of limiting the rise of prices. To maintain that commodity prices can be stabilised merely by forbidding speculation and restricting the rise of security prices is to apply the wrong remedy, with detrimental results. Our analysis shows no example of a rise in commodity prices being dus to a rise in security prices; the facts witness that on several occasions the rise in commodity prices has stimulated a rise in security prices. According to the statistics, from the first week in September to the end of the third week in October commodity prices rose 200% while security prices remained far behind, with a rise of only a little more than 20%.

III .- Stock Quotations and the keal Value of assets.

sacurity prices is not merely a reaction from their former abnormal riss. To gauge whether the rise in security prices is abnormal or excessive, it should be compared with the real value of the assets of the issuing company and its condition of profit or loss. In a period of currency inflation the value of the assets of a factory increases daily. At the moment we have no reliable detailed estimate but from available data it is safe to say in general that the prices of securities sold on the Exchange have not exceeded the real value of the assets of the issuing companies. For instance the quotation of the highest security registered, the Wing On Cotton Mill, has rised by 20 times since the opening of the Exchange last year, while its assets amount to about CN\$2,200,000,000,000 and on the basis of 6.000 million shares, each share should be worth about \$370. Calculating the value of the shares in terms of U.S.\$ at black market rate, when the exchange opened last year Wing On Cotton Mill had a value of U.S.\$0.0054, on the basis of recapitalisation. This was settimated as being close to the real value. Its value lately has been U.S.\$0.0038, or about 70% of the price when business opened last year. The quotations for Wing On Cotton Mill show the highest rise in terms of legal tender; but compared with the rise in therefore the rise in the quotations for other shares must be still further behind.

if the market quotation of the shares does not excess their real value, as we are assuming, the fact that the rapid rise in commodities prices has failed to stimulate the price of sacurities can only be explained by the withdrawal of idle capital from the security market, after the increase of the cash margin in July, and the resulting increase in the activity of the outside black market.

IV. - Predomina.ce of Bearish Activity on the Black Market.

As the activity of the outside black market can still need to again the decline in quotations of stock. For several months the predominance of a bearish trend has made any improvement in the price of shares impossible; and it is difficult for the bulls to be active, since they are practically helpless outside the exchange, where they may fail at any time and must

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proceed with great cantion. If the cash margin rises too high the bulls within the Exchange, if their capital is not large, find themselves in difficulties and may be forced over into a bearish trend. The price of securities cannot rise while the buyer market is in a state of collapse.

At present the main difference between the two markets is that in the commodity market only bulls can be active, while in the security market one can not only buy long but also sell short, so that bearish speculation is possible. It is especially profitable to sell short outside the Exchange, for the following reasons: -

1) No capital is needed, as the cash bargin is et most 26% to 30%, and even this need not be paid if one knows the owner.

2) If for instance Wing On Cotton Mill is used as the object of direct tracing, the unit for tracing is not fixed but may vary from twenty thousand shares to more than 10 million.

3) There is no fixed date of delivery; transactions can be closed at any time or delivery may be postponed indefinitely.

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4) A boar receives interest, while the bull has to pay it. If the quotation drops the bear receives not only interest but also the difference in price.

A concrete example may make these advantages clearer. Suppose that on oct. 15th, A. sold 100,000 shares of wing On Cotton will at \$320 and received an interest of 25 f or 25% of a collar; and B. bought the same number of shares at the same price, paying an interest of 30 f. We may calculate their respective profit and loss in three different cases: a declining, a stable and a rising quotation.

- a) In the black market interest is calculated on the closing quotation of the Wing On Cotton Mill for spot transactions in the forenoon on the Exchange. Price difference is calculated on the closing quotation for spot transactions in the afternoon. If on Oct. 15th the forenoon closing quotation was \$320 and the afternoon \$300, the respective profit and loss of A & B on the first day would be as follows:
 - i) A's profit from interest = 32,000,000 x 25% 30 =267,000. A's income from price difference = 32,000,000 - 30,000,000 =\$2,000,000. A's total profit (with no cost incurred)=\$2,267.000.
 - ii) B's loss on interest = 32,000,000 x 30% 30 = \$320,000. B's loss on price difference = 32,000,000 - 30,000,000 = \$2,000,000.

B's total loss = \$2,320,000.

If the quotatics continues to decline, bears will make a very considerable profit: but the grounder their profit the more difficult it is for the security prices to improve.

b) If the quotation remained stable and interest outside the exchange remained constant, which in fact never happens, there would be no question of difference in price but A would receive about \$8,000,000 a month in interest and B would have to pay interest of about \$9,000,000 per month. B.13.D.77.

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o) If at the end of a month, the transaction not yet being closed, the quotation of Wing On Cotton sill rose from \$320 to \$400, A might not suffor any loss; since his interest of 6 to 8 million dollars would cover his loss on the difference in price. But B would risk heavy loss since although he gains \$80 per share from the difference in price, he has to pay interest varying from 8 to more than 9 million dollars.

The example just worked out makes clear that the basic advantage in such transactions lies with the bear, who can take advantage of every opportunity to sell short. As long as there is no steady rise in quotations direct tracing in the black market is far more favourable to bears than to bulls. The Block Exchange has thus to face the fact that it is almost impossible to strengthen or improve its security prices as long as the black market continues to exist. This is a great obstacle to the development of the capital market, since it discourages regular investors and those who buy securities in order to maintain the purchasing power of their money.

All this explains why since the increase of the cash margin, selling activity in the black parket has contributed to the depression of security prices. Not only has such activity increased from day to day but even on the Exchange it has become more profitable to sell short than to buy long. The 50% cash margin. more profitable to sell short than to buy long, the box cash margin. is the same to both bull and bear, but its actual effect on each is different, since the bear has in hand a certain quantity of spot goods which can be used for immediate transfer while the bull cannot use securities in lieu of cash payment but must deposit the 50% cash margin. In passing the law requiring this 50% cash margin, legislators were not actuated by any bias in favour of bears, yet in actual effect it lays a much heavier burden on the bulls.

V. - Radical Change Needed.

The above analysis points to the necessity of a reform of the trade in securities to bring it into line with the present economic situation; and given the importance of maintaining the Stock Exchange, to the necessity of keeping up active business in order to absorb idle capital. If these objects are to be realised it is important that the following two points should be brought out:

1) The question of the cash wargin for deferred delivery

transactions should be rsconsidered;
2) Direct trading outside the Exchange should be stopped and all trade brought within the Exchange.

There is nothing to prevent both these points ... There is nothing to prevent both these points being carried out simultaneously; but from an economic standpoint the former is simpler and more effective. If the cash margin oan be reduced to bring it into line with present needs, or if some clastic measure is adopted, giving the heads and the supervisors of the Shanghai Exchange power to adjust the cash margin to the needs of the moment, we believe that not any will trade within the Exchange resume its activity and draw idle capital back there; but also the trading outside will be directed back into the Exchange.

It may be objected that any reduction of the cash margin will tend, as it did in 1921, to the encouragement of speculation and finally to a collapse of the trust companies and the Exchange. Naturally this is quite against the desire of the Government. As we have said, the cash hargin must have elasticity, being

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adjusted to the needs of the changing situation. 1921 is not an exact analogy and its collapse need not be repeated. In that year there were more than 140 exchanges in Shanghai alone, with neither a centralised control not any uniformity of method; while now the organisation is uniform and control is comparatively casy. Secondly, in 1921 the trading was in unsound and unqualified shares, while today shares are subject to strict examination before they can come on Exchange. Thirdly the exchanges of 1921 lacked the support of large amounts of idle capital and so finally came to a collapse; while the present exchange is surrounded by a steady flow of floating funds, so that it is even threatened with an inundation.

The policy with regard to the Exchange needs a radicel change to most the changed situation and we need not fear a repetition of the 1921 depression. The first and most urgent step is to reconsider the question of the oash margin for delayed delivery.

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THE DRAFT FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION LAW 1)

The fact that it is already more than ten years since the promulgation of the Commercial Registration Law actually in force (June 28th. 1937) 2), makes it clear that many of the provisions should be revised in order to cope with the changing dircumstances. It is therefore gratifying to learn that the ministry of Loonomic Affairs has recently published a projected revision of the Commercial Registration Law and invited all concerned to air their opinions and suggestions. It has been reported that before being made public this new braft had been given a careful joint examination by the Ministries of Leonomic Affairs, Finance, social Affairs and Judicial Administration and that comment and appreciation were unanimously expressed. Indeed the Exaft actually combines all the detailed provisione of the present Law and application Rules and furtherwore contains many improvements. The innovation of the Chapter on commercial businesses operated by foreigners, especially, answers an urgent need of the times.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

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1) For a full translation of the Craft of the Commercial Registration Law, see Annex XAXVI of this Pulletin.

2) The application aules were promulgated on May 19th.

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Nevertheless, an attentive reading of the whole text of the braft indicates that its clauses still contain a good number of inconsistencies and faults of which the main ones will be discussed below.

1.~ On the Compulsory negistration System.

A free registration system was criginally adopted in Chinese legislation. This may be observed from the fact that the Commercial Registration Law does not contain any provision which can serve as a basis for the setting up of compulsory registration. The system of compulsion which is new being imposed, took effect from an ordinance issued by the ministry of monomic affairs in the year 1943. Whether this changing of the law by a simple ordinance is legal, is greatly in loubt. Now the new Draft clearly introduces the compulsory system and thus means the above legislative deficiency.

since the main purpose of commercial registration however, is to protect the right of trade names, it should be the affair of the merchants themselves to decide whether they need much protection or not. Once the registration is bade collectory with all its prescribed time limits and penalties, instead of contributing to the welfare of the business men, it may become a nuisance to them.

when explaining the new braft, the government authorities claim that the compulsory system will enable the Government to exert a reasonable dontrol over all commercial businesses and to lead them along lines of normal development. Here we must ask whether redistration is indispensable to Government control and the normal development of commerce, or whether without registration the above purposes can be served equally well. As we know, the means of Government control at the present moment are simply the establishing of ceiling and arbitrary prices, and the suppression of speculation and hoarding. It is clear that any order concerning such controls is heant for all marginants, i.e. both registered and non-registered firms will equally be made to obey, and registration measures.

Some may think that unless convercial businesses are obliged to register, the Government have no real insight into the conditions of conmercial circles, and as a result will find it difficult to formulate measures compatible with actual oircumstances. In other words if they promote compulsory registration, it is for the purpose of procuring statistical data concerning conserce which will serve as ref. rence haterials for policy hading. This see to be a good idea. But it must be remembered that the average merchants disline complice. ' a and adopt a supine attitude to This see: 18 is and adopt a supine attitude towards all obnoxious legal procedure. Not even struct enforcement and rigid compulsion under penalty endle drag many of them into coing anything. Let us illustrate this with a few instances: According to the law, business firms of any trade are under strict obligation to join their own trade association, failing which penalties will be inflicted. Yet if we look around we may marvel at the great number of business firms which simply ignore this rule. In an analogous manner, the law imperatively demands that all workmen should join their industrial guild. Yet, many workmen still obstinately keep away from any such association. Finally, let us consider the effectiveness of the aconomic dinistry's ordinance of 1932, making commercial registration obligatory. When in 1945 this compulsory system was first put into prastice in Shanghai, the city was systematically divided into several sectors in order to facilitate its enforcement and a cime limit was prescribed for the completion of registration by all conhercial businesses. Time and again business men were exhorted to collaborate with the authorities and reminded of the imperativeness of the provision. Two years

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have clapsed, the time limit has ocen prolonged again and again; but up to the present, only about sixty thousand commercial firms in shanghai have registered. In other places and especially in districts in the interior the ministry's ordinance has gone largely unheaded. Even the district governments themselves which are in charge of carrying out compulsory registration, are preoccupied with other betters far more urgent and important and find little time to see to its enforcement. It may therefore be seen how it seems to be a mers dream that government authorities should secure complete and thorough commercial statistics through the practice of compulsory registration.

In view of the above, instead of burdening the merchants with all the troubles and panalties of a compulsory registration in a rather unsuccessful attempt to facilitate administration, government authorities will be much wiser if they themselves engage in some research work and compiling of statistical data. In this connection, the following case may be advanced as a good example to be followed by government authorities. In 1940, several institutions in Shanghai grouped themselves together to sponsor a general investigation of lebour conditions. For that purpose orinted forms were sent to various factories and qualified persons sent to explain how to fill them in. Rearly the whole work was some by the sponsors who tried to give the factories as little trouble as possible and thereby won their hearty collaboration. All that the factories who papers to do was to state the facts. Later the sponsors sent people to collect the forms, on which they cased their statistics and from which they drew their conclusions. It is said that the results thus attained were very satisfactory.

II. - Problems arising from the Use of the Same or Similar Trade sames.

 The use of the same or similar trade names in different districts or municipalities.

According to the present Commercial Registration Law, with the exception of company organisations which have the exclusive right of using their trade name throughout the country, all individual ownerships or partnerships can monopolise their trade name only within their own district or municipality. The same idea is maintained in the following clauses of the new braft: "No commercial business shall use a name identical with or similar to that of another connercial business already registered, in the same nunicipality or district, and "When a registered connercial business" (article 21, - 1st paragraph); and "When a registered connercial business or Company founds a branch store or Company in another nunicipality or district, if in that municipality or district there exists another store or Company which bears the same or a similar name and operates the same type of business, except where the provisions of article 20 1) apply, the name

1) EDITUR'S RULE: Full text of art. 20 of the traft reads:

"If a commercial business which has already been registered in accordance with this law, reorganises itself into a Company, and if it has been using its registered name continuously and without interruption within a municipality or district for more than ten years, counting from the cate of registration, then the restriction imposed by article 20 of the company law shall not apoly; but neither the principal ner the branch office of the Company shall move outside the municipality where it was originally locate, unless its name is first changed".

The Company Law mentioned in the above provision was promulgated on the 12th of april 1940 and in art.26 lays down: "Companies engaged in the same type of business, no matter whether or not they are of the same class or whether or not they are within the same province or municipality or locality, shell not use the same or similar names".

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of the branch store or Company shall be preceded by the usme of the place where the principal store or Company is located, and words shall be auded, to make slear that it is a store or Company (article 28). Revertheless to our surprise we find the following wording in the first paragraph of article 22 of the same braft: "If a name the same as or similar to that of another commercial business already registered, is used for illegitimate competition, whether in the same municipality or district or not, the persons interested may request the competent authority to prohibit its use; if they have suctained any damage therefrom, they may further ack for damages. The contradiction between this provision and the others cited above, is evident. Therefore unless the traditional legislative principle is to be changed, this clause of article 22 should be pancelled.

 applications for registering the same name or similar names for several firms.

when several commercial firms apply for registration of the same trade name or similar trade names, the following two solutions are both reasonable and either of them may be accepted; to grant approval to the applicant who first used the name, or to the one who first sends in an application. Regarding this problem, the lst paragraph of article 24 laye down: "If within one year after the enforcement of the law several commercial businesses founded before its enforcement hake separate application to the competent authority of the same municipality or district for the registration of the same municipality or district for the registration thanks within the municipality or district was earliest and has been uninterrupted, shall be allowed to register it. If before the application (the name) had never been used by any one of them, or if it cannot be proved who was the first to use it, then the one who first sends in an application, shall be allowed to register it... Since the braft gives preference to the 'earliest user' and the so-called 'separate application, shall be allowed to register it... Since the braft gives preference to the 'earliest user' and the so-called repairs to be answered. Suppose that within one year after the enforcement of the law a commercial firm founded before its enforcement, applies for registering a trace name, and the competent authority not being cognizant that there exists in the same municipality or district, another firm also founded before the enforcement of the law and which used the same or a similar name earlier than the first applicant, allows him to register. If later, but also within one year after the enforcement of the Law, the sactual 'earliest user' of the same or of a similar name, submite documentary evidence proving that the really first used it and applies for registration and allow this second applicant to register? A elser decision regarding this ease should be inserted into the resistent significant gounded before the series of registration and allow this second appl

commercial businesses, founded after the enforcement of this law, all apply on the same day for the registration of the same or similar names with the competent authority of the same municipality or district, they shall be ordered to reach a mutual agreement to let one of the commercial businesses use it, and then only shall the registration be allowed. As it eften happens that in such a case none of the applicants is willing to yield, thus making all agreement impossible, it would be wiser to give preference as in the other instances cited above to the one whose use of the name was earliest.

Concerning the period of the use of a trade name by an applicant, the following provisions of the Lruft are rather inconsistent with each other; in art.23, it is laid down that if one firm has used a name continuously for TWO YEARS before the

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enforcement of the Law, but subsequently to such use the same or a similar name has already been registered by another commercial firm doing the same type of business, then the firm shall, in registering its name, add a distinguishing mark. On the other hand, the 2nd paragraph of art.24 runs: "If the various commercial businesses which separately apply for registration as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, have all been using the name or names for more than THREE YEARS without interruption, they shall all be allowed to register; but each shall add a distinguishing mark." Since the two provisions deal with a similar case, it seems that the period provided in the 2nd paragraph of art. 24 should also be reduced to two years only.

III. - Restrictions on Registration.

according to article o of the Rules governing the application of the Commercial Registration Law, commercial business as referred to in the Law must not be against public order or good morals. In other words, provided a commercial business neither disturbs social order nor perverts customs and usages - which condition is rather vague, and provided it further carries out all the required procedure, it will readily be allowed to register. It may therefore be said that im practice there is very little restriction on registration. The new Eraft pays no attention to restrictions on registration either. However when we study the actual circumstances nowadays, we cannot but be convinced that a certain degree of limitation is indispensable in some particular cases. For, as we are all aware, what actually induces registration is not at all legal compulsion, but the temptation of good profits. Then in a peculiar type of business applicants for registration suddenly increase, we may be very sure that it is either because that particular business has become unampally lugrative or because the Government has announced that goods are going to be allocated to business firms of that category. Take for instance the case of rice shaps in Shanghai: their number is now over four thousand. The competent authorities of the city frown at this excessive number of rice merchants and are anxious to restrict the founding of new rice shops. Yet when new applicants fulfil the too easy conditions orescribed by the law, on what clause can the authority base a refusal?

Other examples are more scanoalous: There exist at the present hour many undesirable firms solely engaged in speculation or cheating. Among others there are unnecessary enterprises which undertake to manufacture luxury articles, and instruments of gambling. When these businesses apply for registration in full conformity with the Law, no objection can be raised by the registering office. We may therefore come to the conclusion that if government authorities want to ensure a more normal development of trace, they should do it by Laying down certain lawful restrictions on commercial registration, but not through indiscriminate and unrestrictive compulsory registration whose shortcomings have already been stated above.

IV. - Some Practical Suggestions for Improving the application of the Law.

1. Simplifying of registration procedure.

part from the above inconsistences and faults contained in the new Draft of the Law, which ought to be rectified, some small suggestion; may be put forward with a view to smoothing the way for a successful application of the Law.

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Mowadays when government administration is slow and troublesome, efforts should os made to simplify as much as possible all procedures for registration. It is especially desirable to avoid unnecessary repetitions. For instance, when a Company has been registered according to the Company law, since its trade name has already been well established, and is entitled to legal protection, it should be exempted from further applying for a commercial registration. The same exemption should be granted when any firm has secured protection for its right of trade name according to other laws of ordinances. Thus, when a pownshop has registered and obtained its licence in conformity with the proper regulations, it should not be asked to register again. Also, to save the time of the merchants, once the commercial registration has oven completed, instead of asking them twice for the statement of the same facts, all taxing offices should get into contact with records.

2. Classification of different types of business.

In laying down what the term "commersial business" refers to, the new Lraft gives up the old system of enumerating different trades, but following the suit of the Company Law, confines itself to giving a simple definition. "A commercial business" as mentioned in this Law shall refer to all enterprises operated for the purpose of making profits, but shall not include specialised professions of a technical meture (article 1), when we go on to article 21 - 1st paregraph, "no commercial business shall use a mame identical with or similar to that of another commercial business already registered in the same manicipality or district and engaged in the same type of dusiness", we may press a perplexing question: what is to be considered as the same type of business, and what is not? or in other words, how are we to classify and demarcate various types of business? For instance, it seems natural that transactions in chemical raw materials are the business solely of merchants of chemical raw materials. Yet pharmacies and dyestuff shops often concurrently deal in such goods. If you say that these two kinds of shops are engaged in the same type of business as merchants of chemical raw materials, they will argue that they do not deal in the same goods and that they belong to quite different guids. So, they cannot be accused even if under the pretext of doing another line of business, they actually engage in the same types of business is made the application of the law will be greatly harred. Nevertheless, in view of the varied conditions in different sectors of the country, a uniform classification is by no means commendable. It will be better to confide the task to the various local competent authorities who will base their decision upon local actual circumstances and submit it to the ministry of Economic Affairs for confirmation.

3. Founding of more offices for registration.

The new Draft follows the haw actually in force in providing that the competent authority for commercial registration shall be the district government in a district and the municipal government in a municipality. In the case of a municipality which does not cover a very wide area, where commercial firms are concentrated and communication facilities are numerous, it is not too inconvenient to come and go several times in making arangements for registration. The case of a district is entirely different: apart from its small city, it easily stretches to hundreds of miles, shops are usually scattered in all sectors and transportation facilities are lacking; if the registration must be made with the

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district government, the merchants will have to travel for days before they can arrive at the centre, and the aggregate sum of all the travelling fares in daytime, and expenses of lodging in inns at night will be several times higher than the registration fees. In order to avoid such inconvenience, the municipal government should be allowed to entrust the work of registering to subdistrict authorities.

4. services to facilitate registration.

At first sight, all the details of precedure of conversial registration including filling blanks of various forms, securing the certificate, paying fees, etc., appear to be quite simple and easy. But people who are not familiar with the law and who are not accustomed to fill in forms, may be at a loss as to what to do first and how to do it correctly. Even in a great commercial city like Shanghai, where merchants are supposed to be of better than average commercial education, they often have to pay specialists to carry out the registration procedure for them. Anowing this, the Bureau of Social affairs has issued measures allowing guilds to undertake to register on behalf of their members. Similar steps may be taken by other district or municipal governments. It would be specially helpful if information and writing services could be set up inside every registering office to give all necessary guidance and to fill in forms on behalf of applicants against the charging of a small fee.

to Conscilution of the time limit for completing the commercial registration.

Let us finally consider the time limit set down by the Draft for completing sommercial registration. Article the provides that all commercial businesses which had not been registered before the enforcement of the Law, shall within one year after its enforcement apply for registration of establishment according to the provisions of the Law. This prescribed time limit is evidently too short. For as has already been mentioned although compulsory registration has been inforce in Shanghai for two years, an optimistic estimate places the percentage of commercial firms registered in the city at only about 66%. That about the great number of districts covering more extensive arene? Furthermore, once a time limit has been laid down in the Law, it becomes an imperative provision. If commercial firms are still not registered at its expiration, they will become illegal. The various local commetent authorities will be no less responsible, since always local commetent authorities will be no less responsible, since always not made enough exertion to enforce the Law, It would therefore be better not to set down any time limit in the law itself for the completion of all commercial registrations, but to leave this to the discretion of the various local administrations.

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CHINESE REACTIONS TO THE REOPENING OF PRIVATE TRADE WITH JAPAN

The announcement of General Moarthur on the reopening of private trade with Japan has been received with strong opposition in Chinese industrial and business circles. From their standpoint the General's unilateral declaration not only lacks maturity but is inoppositune, since many problems concerning the Japanese war reparations and the convocation for the Peace Treaty are still being vehemently discussed among the Allies.

The reaction of the Chinese Government has been less definite. On the one hand the Government has voiced its agreement with Monrthur's declaration and on the other it appears to be leaving the entire matter to the choice of the people. Meanwhile official circles are inclined to consider the reopening of private trade as an eppertunity for price stabilization in China by providing the country with a large amount of carmodities. by providing the country with a large amount of commodities.

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As far as the Chinese people at large are concerned they object to the plan for reasons more political than economic. The argument is always the same, however it hay be dressed up: it is feared that China will soon become the easy prey of Japanese products even on her own markets. This view is widely held throughout the whole nation and especially by such powerful organisations as the National Industrial Federation, the Native Manufacturers Union, the Mechanical Industrial Union and the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, so much so that the equivocal policy of the Government has been strongly criticised even by high ranking members of the Control Yuan, of the People's Political Council and of the National Economic Council.

Meanwhile barter transactions between China and Japan 1) channelled through SCAP have been current since 1946 and projects are already hade out on the same lines for a year to come.

I. Progress of Government Action.

On July 31 this year, before the central Political Meeting, The Kuomintang Party approved three principles relative to the reopening of private trade with Japan, namely:

- i) A frade Mission to Japan, pending appropation from the executive Yuan, should leave the country before the 15th. of hugust;
- ii) Types of commodity for trade with Japan should be strictly specified;
- iii) Articles pertaining to Japanese war reperations should not be regarded as goods for trading purposes.

Similar principles were also approved before the Mational Affairs Meeting which took place on August 1st.:

- i) (the same as above)
 ii) The variaties and volumes of imports and exports in the future trade with Japan should be carefully choses and examined so that they would have a favourable influence on Chinese economy 2); iii) articles and goods required for Chine should be provided
- as far as possible through war reparations.

Following the decision taken by the National affairs decting, the Ministry of Economic Affairs was ordered to create a "Committee for Directing Private Trade with Japan" which was inaugurated on august 13th. in Nanking. Members of this Committee, presided over by the Minister of Economic Affairs, are Government representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Communications and of Finance, as well as of the National Acsources Commission, the National Economic Council and the Central Trust Corporation. Four consultants are also designated to the Committee two of whom are Government members representing the Export Promotion Board and the Emport Control Board respectively while the other two represent the National Federation of Chambers of Commerce and the Estional Industrial Federation. Following the decision taken by the Rational

- 1) See Appendix I.
- 2) See appendix II. Atticles semporarily authorized for trade between China and Japan.

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The number of delegates in the Trace sission has also been fixed: five for the Central Trust Corporation, two for the oversess trading associations and thirteen for other private trading organizations. They were in principle to leave for Japan in turn for a period of twenty one days each.

After these preparations, the Government asked for the submission of a list of delegates during the following ten days, beginning August 22nd. But not a single one has yet been proposed by connercial and industrial circles. In order to break this negative attitude, the ministry of Economic Affairs made a strong statement stressing that the reopening of private trade with Japan would be strictly limited to articles of first necessity to China and that in any case imports of Japanese cotton yern and fabrics would be barned. This does not seem, however to have had any influence on the opposition.

II. - Micespread Unessiness among the Businessmen and People of China.

The reasons brought forward by the Chinese people and by business circles against the respensing of private trage with Japan are multifarious; but two main ones are the basis of their unfavourable attitude toward the overtures of the Government, first, the fear of directly or indirectly helping Japan to redever her former agressive power; secondly the fact that owing to the orientation of the Chinese and Japanese industries their products cannot but compete against each other not only in the Patific islands, the South Seas and the malay states but also on the Chinese market itself.

While China would gladly receive a large inflow of Japanese goods which might be useful to speed up her own powtwar development, she is anxious to see that if her products are shipped to Japan they are strictly limited to those needed for the satisfaction of peace time requirements. Special care should be taken, for instance that Chinese coal and iron are not exported in such quantities as to help Japan again to develop her metallurgical enterprises.

Progress in the productive capacity of Japan and the exports already existing are being followed up with anxiety, as well as the provisions of the frade Project recently publicized by the Japanese authorities. From this point of view, a Chinese journalist has correfully listed the articles whose production was partially or compeletely suspended during the war but is now being resumed, for foreign markets:

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bewing Lachines Notones Clocks Clawras (including A-ray) Binoculars Aicroscopes Clement (Unit: 1000 met.tons) Aindow penes (Unit: case, et 100 sq.ft.per case) Plate glass (case)	2,470 14,201 78,904 1,269 1,602 242 82 59,286 1,570	2,815 18,467 81,407 3,827 1,448 285 74 47,665 1,733	1,379 11,629 45,594 12,100 3,144 237 77 62,375 985

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another lournalist points out that in the project alluded to above, Japan expects to ship thought electric light bulbs to ching in 1947. The Japanese estimate the consumption in the South China provinces: t 100,000,000 bulbs; 6,000,000 in Taimin; 5,000,000 in the Northeestern Provinces and 0,000,000 in aprecisimilarly large numbers of alarm clocks and watches are provided for in the Japanese project and, according to various sources, have already arrived in Hongkong to be smuggled into the Chinese territories. The same is reported for Japanese sea products, the same again for porcelains, chinawere and safety metches.

Rather disheartening comparisons are made between ten production in Chica and in Japan in 1946: 90,000 tan or 10,4 of her prewar standard for the former against 45,541,160 lbs or 35,4 of the prewar quantity for the latter; and the fact is emphasised that in September 1851 some 1,000 ten of Chinese-styled green tea were shipped from Japan to borth Africa. Again the 8,930 quintals of Chinese silk experted to the United States in 1946 are contrasted with the 51,000 quintals sent by Japan to the same country during the same period.

To show how exports from China to Japan can belo the latter to recover her former markets it is mentioned that salt shipped from China has allowed Japan to increase her production of caustic sods and to foster her glass industry which had manufactured some ¥ 59,400,000 worth of glassware for export by the and of Lay 1947 some ¥ 3,400,000 worth of which has been sold in Hongkong and the South Pacific Islands.

Finally the Chinese authors underline several disadvantages connected with the problems of exchange, wages and scarcity of raw material in this country:

- i) Since future transactions will be calculated on a basis of U.S. dollars of which China is still in great shortage, it seems ridiculous to spend them on inferior Japanese products instead of importing larger quantities of goods from the United States which are far better suited to Chinese industrial needs. Moreover, it is very doubtful if China will be able to develop her trade with Japan under the present exchange control regulations.
- ii) As long as the real cost of production is disregarded by the SCAP authorities, China will be handicapped owing to the cost of labour which in Shanghai is between seven and eight times higher than in Ragasaki.
- iii) It is pointed out that China cannot make use of her finished products in exchange for Japanese goods but can only furnish Japan with raw materials of which she is herself suffering a great shortage after so many years of war and natural calamities. Would it not be note assaible for her first to supply her own people and industries!

III .- The Case for Chinese Cotton Fabrics.

The most debated quistion is the influence of the reopening of private trade with Japan on the Chinese cotton textile industry which is considered as the only one abls to compete with the Japanese on foreign markets.

Let us review briefly the pros and cons of the whole affair.

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In 1946 China sold some 10 million yards of cotton cloth to Singapors via Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai. In 1947, according to official sources, 3,013,600 yards of cotton fabrics were shipped in January and 8,00°,300 yards in February to Singapore from the Chinese ports alone. Another 1,705,500 yards and 4,685,000 yards were exported in February and March respectively from Hongkong making a total of 17,000,000 yards sold to Singapore during the first quarter of this year. Since April, export of cotton goods to calaya from China has been low as a consequence of Japanese infiltration on the South Seas market. In the early part of the year, the China rextile Levelopment Inc. received Government instruction to sell 20% of its total output to South Facific and far mastern countries in order to acquire much needed foreign exchange for China. But this was not done without hindrance as Japanese goods could be bought at far lower prices than the Chinese products, as shown in the following quotations:

Chinese

Japanese

Cotton cloth(fine per yd: Cotton yarn(20's) per bale. US\$0.28-\$0.30 US\$330 US\$0.11-\$0.26 US\$300

The first batch of Japanese cloth arrived at Singapore in May 1947 with a total of 12,000,000 yards. Immediately it reacted upon the prices for Chinese cloth, which dropped sharply from \$70 to \$50 (Strait Settlement Currency). Following the arrival of the second batch of Japanese cloth (1,00,000 yards) in August, the Chinese cloth market dropped to the same level as the Japanese. Similar reactions took place in Siam where reportedly, Japan had shipped 12,000,000 yards in July and 13,000,000 yards in August, and also in the Philippine Islands which received 2,500,000 yards in August from the same source.

On the home market, Japanese cloth penetrated into the coastal provinces through smuggling. According to Ta Kung Pao 1), it was being sold in Kiangsu, Chekiang and Pukien at unusually low prices. It has been predicted that Japan's exports during 1947 will fairly reach US\$99,280,000 40% of which will be potton yarns, cotton goods and fibre products.

The more optimistic consider that the infiltration of Japanese cotton yarn and cotton goods in to China could be stopped by a protective tariff, on the condition that adequate measures are taken against contraband. In this respect, the people are urged to collaboration and patriotism. As to the large outflow of Japanese cotton yarn and cotton goods to Malaya where there is a huge demand for these materials, Japan is not yet in a condition to supply all the demands there and therefore, China may still maintain her share in these fields if her textile industry is furnished with sufficient raw materials, electric power and a reasonable foreign exchange system.

¹⁾ Chang Shou-shih: "The reopening of Japanese private trade and textile flabric markets in South Pacific Islands", Ta sung Pac (Shanghai), Detober 24th.1947.

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endeavouring to save the situation by every possible means such as the plantation of native ootton, the increase of spindlage and the solving of technical and labor problems. China has been relying for the raw materials that she lacks, on the import of fereign cotton. According to a recent report,) there is a shortage of some 2 million tan (133,333 lbs. per tan) of native cotton this year for the Chinase mills. Meantime, the ministry of agriculture and Forestry is encouraging an increase of cotton acreage and output, in the hope of regaining the prewar standard of 60,000,000 mow (1 acreso mow) and 25,000,000 tan within 3 years. As far as spindlage is concerned, it is hoped that within five years China will have 7,000,000 spindles of which she possesses only 4,500,000 at present, It is hoped that the China Textile Development Inc. and the "Ching Wei" Company will reach a regular output of 100,000 spindles within three years and the rest are to be provided through import.

The reopening of private trade with Japan will also affect the China silk project which was under discussion with the americans during the war. It will no doubt hold up the barter of China silk for american cotton as previously planned, since Japan will be the main supplier of raw silk to the USA. The General's attitude toward the maintenance of the Japanese silk incustry is clearly warked both by the failure of China's request for the Japanese machinery and accessories to rebuild her silk industry and by the proposed Japanese production of 35,000,000 lbs. by 1951.

As to the woollen inoustry, the collaboration of Australia with China as previously planned has been changed over to Japan on the recombindation of USA.

IV .- Glocky Prospects for Taiwan-Jagan Trade.

In a recent project drawn up by Taiwanese business circles it was proposed that food dealers should export brown sugar and potato starch against Japanese fertilizers and candres against condiments and candy machines. The fisheries would also sell sea products against fishing squipment and vegetable and fruit growers their own products against farm tools, seeds and fertilizers.

Recent experiencs however is not very encouraging. For instance a recent arrangement for salling 12,000 tons of behands to Japan early in rebruary was called off as SCAP would not approve any payment exceeding US\$\(\phi\) 0.06 per 1b. which was lower than the market price in Taiwan itself; similarly, a sugar deal was suspended because against the proposal of US\$\(\phi\) 0.40 per 1b. made by the Taiwan Sugar Corporation, SCAP was only willing to pay US\$\(\phi\) 0.15.

doreover, many Chinese consider that Taiwan should be isolated from Japanese influence. Extremists have even suggested foroidding Japanese people to enter the island again. Some suggest a compromise in order to do business with Japan in Taiwan and they propose that all Taiwan imports from and exports to Japan should be carried through Shenghai. Of course this would increase the cost of transportation, but they say that the main burden would fall on the Japanese.

Whatever may 'w decided in this respect many insist on the fact that owing to the slow recovery of her productive especial Peivan cannot afford large scale exports to Japan. The island is self-sufficient for rule but should it have any surplus it

¹⁾ Shen Pao, Recember 7, 1947.

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would certainly be used for military consumption. Although a production of 300,000 tens of sugar is expected by 1948 this will not be enough for the consumption of China Proper. The surplus of coal amounting to 20,000 tons is now employed for supplying Shenghai and export to Japan is 2005idden. The production of cement does not yet cover the needs of Taiwan and Chinese authorities consider as disadvantageous in the long run any export to Japan of caustic sods, hydrochloric acid and bleaching powder of which the island produces a big surplus.

Imports from Japan to Taiwan are equally problematic. To give a few instances, it is estimated that Japan being in need of fertilisers for herself is not in a position to supply Taiwan's requirements. The cigarette war's tof the island hes already been taken up by America. The requirements which now may be obtained through war reparations will later on most probably be replaced by American takes and the railways of China Proper have a definite priority for all sleepers available from Japan. This being so imports from Japan will have to be limited to a few items such as preserved and safed fish, cotton and woollen materials, canned goods and gunny bags.

The discussions are still going on and the Chinese businessmen still delay their departure for Japan. Meanwhile it is reported that Chinese products intended for Japanese consumption are gradually being replaced by foreign ones and the trading center has moved over to Hongkong instead of Shanghai. Large quantities of Japanese luxuries banned by the Chinese Customs have been rushed to Hongkong from where they are being smuggled into the Chinese mainland and over half of the present Chinese exports to her former enemy are also smuggled into Hongkong before reaching their final destination...

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APPENDIX I

Sino-Japanese Barter

Trade was resumed between China and Japan during the last months of 1945 in the form of barter, under the direction of the executive Yuan. In april 1946 it was entrusted to the Central Trust corporation which through the China mission to Japan, acts as an intermediary between the Chinase merchants and SCAP.

Exports thus sent to Jepan amounted to 3.11% of the Uninese total in 1946 and to 1.86% for the first six months of 1947. Corresponding figures for imports were 0.40% and 0.22% for the same periors. 1)

Jen-June 1947 2). Sino-Japanese Barter for the Year 1946 and for

Exports to Japan (Values in CNC-1,000)

Items	Net Exports During 1946	Net Exports JanJune 1947
Cereals & cereal products Pruits, fresh, dried & preserved Veletables Fuel Textile fibres Ores, metals & metallic products Chemicals & chemical products Animals and animal products (not including hides, leather & skins (fura), &	948,233 45 1,236 >15,507 50,060 2,072,030 9,744,569	433,836 788 320
fishery & sea products) .edicinal substances & spices (not in-		29,260
cluding chemicals; oils, tallow & wax Sugar Tobacco. Other vegetable products Timber, wood & manufactures thereof	# " a" # = 10 a; 0 P a; 0 P a; 0 P a; 0 P a; 0 D	42,000 63,600 223,350 12,000 304,819 2,399
Total	12,831,419	27,930,345

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¹⁾ Defore the war the trade with Japan amounted to approximately 15% of China's imports and exports.

²⁾ From the Chinese Customs reports.

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Imports from Japan (CaCel, 000)

I tema	Net Imports	
	1946	JanJune 1947
Cotton piecegoods, grey	4,934	29
Cotton piecegoods, white or dyed	23,639	3,348
Cotton piecegoods, printed	599	
Cotton piecegoods, miscellaneous	5,847	355
Cotton, raw; cotton yarn & ootton thread	16,184	1,895
Cotton manufactures, sundry	1,872	345
rlax, rame, hemp, jute & manufactures thereof		270
#001 & manufactures thereof	7,741	4,896
Silk (including artificial silk)& manufactur		1,000
thereof	31,944	5,618,640
Hetals & ores	49,445	155,617
machinery & tools	60,243	483,999
Vehicles & vessels	345,917	
Miscellaneous Letal manufactures	37,388	209,444
Fishery & sea products	135,557	104,118
mimal products; canned goods & grocsries	46,019	2,532
Cereals & flour	95	19,286
Fruits, seeds & vegetables	21.081	15,200
medicinal substances & spices	21,019	
Sugar	38	376
dines, beer, spirits, table waters, etc.	8	
Tobacco	290	
Chemicals & pharmaceuticals	310,141	214,371
Lyes, pigments, paints & varnishes	24,485	4,027,600
Gandles, soap, oils, fats, wax, gums & resins	161,755	8,158
Books, maps, paper & wood pulp	120,620	15,550
Hidss, leather & other aniual substances	27,328	10,000
Timber	3,842,402	20,883,348
wood, bamboos, ratans, coir, straw &	0,012,102	20,000,040
manufactures thereof	10.667	
Coal, fuel, pitch & tar	37,738	680,274
Chinaware, enamelledware, glass, etc.	28,293	51,427
Stone, earth & manufactures thereof	7,756	24,904
Sundry	637,419	132,768
	00,,419	1000
TOTAL	6,065,119	38,232,320

Prom the above tables it can be seen that although Sino-Japanese barter showed a favorable balance of CN30,760,300,000 during the first year, this was offset by a deficit of CN30,301,975,000 in Jan.-Juns 1947. On the whole, China has been a constant buyer and the net deficit at the end of June 1947 amounted to CN33,535,675,000. The main reason for the deficit is attributed to a diminution of the Chinese salt surplus disponible for export.

. In this connection, it is interesting to list the chief items transacted between China and Japan.

Items Exported	1946	Jan, - Hay 1947
Salt	400,000 tons	114,331 tons
Bran	17, 000	900
Iron	2,000	
Phosphate rock 1)	20,430	
50ybean · ·		. 500,000
sugar	• •	25.000
Tung oil		800

^{1)20,000} tons of this were used for direct exchange against 2,500 tons of superphosphate

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Artifitial silk (3,000,000 lbs. in 1946 and 2,000,000 for Jan. may 1947), loromotives, freight cars, sewing machines, bicytles, woollen goods, sleepers (579,155 pieces), timber for mining (0,190,518 pieces), TMT. (8,233 cases).

Actually the Central Trust Corporation has been supplying the National Resources Commission with Japanese mechanical supplies. US\$510,000 worth of these articles have already been delivered and the value of those not yet delivered amounts approximately to US\$560,000.

Speaking in general, Sino-Japanese trade since the victory has followed prewar lines, the exchanging Chinese row interials engined Japanese light industrial products. One slight difference is that China is no longer in a position to supply Japan with row cotton and the latter has not resumed her large scale exports of cotton goods to China. Experts in the matter consider that this behaval trend will be further developed when the reopening of private trade taxes place.

It is reported in the local Shang Pao, Lec. 14, 1947 that the Central Trust Colporation is making plans for Sino-Japanese parter in 1948. According to the Corporation the program for 1948 will be more or less similar to that of 1947 and depend mainly on the export of salt of which the Salt administration is preparing to appropriate a larger quantity during the next year for this purpose. It is said moreover that China will find it impossible to import locomotives and rails if she stops sending her iron one. In this respect it may be noted that iron ore from Hainen island is being sold by the mational Resources Commission to Great Britain at US\$7 per ton for re-export to Japan, transportation being reserved to Chinese merchantmen only.

APPENDIX II

Articles Temporarily Authorized

For Trade between China and Japan 1).

Trade with Japan is temporarily confined to the following items only:

(1) Exports; iron ores (to be exported this year in exchange for Japanese rails only); lacquer (tung oil and crude lacquer); bristles; jute, hemp and ramie; sugar; salt; cereals; soya and manufactures thereof (including soya, bean oil, bean cakes, soya powder, peanuts, green beans, rape seed, raw silk, etc.);

1) Notification to Kent and (Standing December 18, 1947.



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animal hair, skins and hides and bones (wool, go. t hair, camel hair, skins, bones and horns); eggs; tobacco; demphor; medicinel plants and sundries (resin, bran, wild silk, fruits, cotton-seed oil, cotton-seed cake, etc.)

Transportation equipment and spare parts, aftificial silk; chemicals (nitrio acid, acetic acid, sulphate of annonia); fertilizers (superphosphate, calcium sulphide; lime; nitroge; metals (brass and copper, copper ingots and slabs, wires and boday steel manufactures); timber (for pit props) and for matches, round logs and ordinary logs); firm tools, seeds and ocedlings (silkworm eggs, bulberry socilings and seeds); machineries and accessories (anchines, testing apparatus, ammeters, voltmeters, dynamometers, high-temperature thermometers, and sundries (wood pulp, artificial indigo, tur, whale oil, newsprint, etc...) etc...)

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DRAFT OF THE COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION LAW.

Chapter I. - General Provisions.

Article 1.

A"commercial business"as mentioned in this Law shall refer to all enterprises which are operated for the purpose of making profit, but shall not include specialised professions of a technical nature.

article 2.

The competent authority mentioned in this Law shall be the ministry of Economic affairs in the Central Government; that for a province shall be the Public Jorks Department; that for a municipality under the direct jurisdiction of the (Executive) Yuan shall be the Bureau of Social offairs; that for an ordinary municipality, the municipal government, and that for a fisien 2), the Heien government.

Artiole 3.

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The responsible persons of a sommercial business as mentioned in this Law shall be: in individual ownership, the owner of the business; in a partnership, the partners or those partners who conduct business; and in commercial businesses organised in any other way, as provided by their respective laws,

So far as the performance of their duties concerned, managers or liquidators shall also count as responsible persons of commercial businesses.

Artiels 4,

Unless otherwise provided by other laws, commercial registration shall be governed by the provisions of this Law.

EDITOR'S NOTES!

- 1) This is only a drafted revision which has not yet been promulgated. Therefore the Commercial Registration Law 1 June 28th, 1937 is still in force at present.
 - 2) Haien: diåtriot.



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article 5. Small scale commercial businesses may be exempted from following the provisions of this Law.

The sentral competent authority, after taking into consideration the conomic co ditions within the areas of the various provinces and municipalities under the direct jurisdiction of the (Executive) Yuan, shall separately determine the respective scope of their small scale commercial businesses as mentioned above, and submit them to the Executive Yuan for confirmation and publication.

article 6.

If according to any law or ordinance, the operation of a business by a commercial firm is subject to previous approval by the competent authority of the type of business concerned, a certificate of this approval shall first be necured and then application shall be made for registration in conformity with this

irticle 7.

If a conmercial business has failed to register any particulars whose registration is required by this waw, or has failed to make the necessary alterations or cancellations when any change or closing down has occurred, the business cannot make use of these facts against a third party.

article 8.

The government authority with which a commercial business has been registered and the Tzu 1) and number of its registration certificate, must be clearly indicated on all the dooument it sends out.

> Chapter II .- Particulars to be Registered, their Alteration and Cancellation.

article 9.

A conserved business shall, within fifteen days after its establishment, report the following particulars to the competent authority of the municipality or Hsien where its principal store is located, and apply for the registration of the establish ent of its principal store:

- 1) Name of the connercial business;
- 2) Business undertaken
- 3) Location of the principal store;
 4) Whether the business is under individual ownership or partnership;

Total amount of capital;

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6) The full name and domicile of the owner of the commercial business or the full names and domiciles of its partners;

7) In the case of a partnership, the kinds and amounts of the contributions of the various partners;

8) In case of the complet or partial legal disability of the company of the company of the contributions.

owner or any of the partners, the reasons for this disability, the limits of their business rights and the full names and domioiles of their legal representatives;

¹⁾ EDITOR'S ROTE: Tzu: chara ter. The sign of registration consists of a character and a number, as we might use A.1.2.3... B.1.2.3...etc.



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- •) The full names of any partners who have been appointed to conduct the business of a partnership;
- 10) Where managers have been appointed, their full names and domiciles and the limits of their power of management;
- 11) Where the business has commercial agents, their full names, addresses, and the limits of their power of commercial representation;
- 12) The seal of the business, if a special seal is used.

where a commercial business under partnership has already made the above registration, if any person who has contributed to the capital (of the business) or has promised to do so by contract, has not been registered as a partner, he shall be considered as a dorment partner.

article 10.

Then a commercial business establishes a branch store, it shall, within fifteen days after the latter's establishment, report the following particulars to the competent authority of the municipality or Haim where the branch store is located and apply for the registration of the establishment of its branch stares

- 1) The particulars provided in Articlo 9; but if the branch store is founded within the manieipality or Hsien where the principal store is located, these particulars can be omitted;
 2) Nome of the branch store;
- The business undertaken by the branch store where this differs from that undertaken by the principal store;
- Location of the branch store;

- b) The expiral amount of the brunch store if its capital is separated from that of the principal store.
 6) Where the branch store has appointed managers, their full names, domiciles and the limits of their power of management;
 7) If the branch store has commercial agents, their full names, addresses and the limits of their power of commercial representation:
- 8) The seal of the branch store if it has a special seal for
- use in its business;

 9) The name of the government authority with which the principal store has been registered and the Tzu and number of its registration pertificate --- if the branch store is founded within the municipality or Asien where the principal store is located, these particulars may be omitted.

Artiole 11.

where with the approval of his legal representative, a person under partial legal disability is independently to operate a consercial business, or to become a partner or shareholder of unlimited liability, the legal representative shall apply for registration thereof with the competent authority of the municipality or Hsien where the commercial business is located.

If upon discovering that the person under partial legal disability is not qualified for the above acts, the legal representative withdraws his approval or imposes more restrictions, he shall report the reasons therefor and apply to the competent authority for registration.

For these two registrations application shall be made simultaneously for the catablishment of or alteration concerning the principal or branch store.

Artiole 12.

The restrictions imposed by a sommercial business on the power of transacting business, power of management and power of commercial representation as provided in Items 5, 10 and 11 of Paragraph 1 of article 9 and Items 5 and 7 of Paragraph 1 of article 10, shall not be used against a bone fide third party.



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Article 13.

When after their registration, any of the verious particulars to be registered as provided in articles 9 to 11, have been changed or cancelled, application for an alteration in the registration shall be made within fifteen days after such change or cancellation, to the original registering authority.

Article 14.

If the ownership or partnership in a commercial business which has been registered, passes by inheritance to another the heir in the case of an individual ownership, or the other partners jointly with the heir in the case of a partnership, shall, within fifteen days after the heir has received the inheritance, apply to the original registering authority to alter the registration.

article 15.

When a commercial business which has been registered, is transferred both the transferrer/s and the transferree/s, whether the owners or all the partners of both parties, shall, within fifteen days after the transfer, apply to the original registeria, authority to alter the registration.

Article 16.

Where the principal or branch store of a connercial business, which has already been registered, moves outside the municipality or Hsien where it was originally located, it shall, within fifteen days after the removal, request the original registering authority to cancel its registration, and also apply to the competent authority of the municipality or Hsien into which it has moved, to register its establishment register its establishment.

When a registered commercial business ceases when a registered commercial business ceases operating or is closed down, it shall, within fifteen days after the cessation or dissolution of its business, request the original registering authorities for the principal and branch stores to cancel their respective registration. When a registered branch store of a commercial business ceases operating, it shall, within fifteen days after the cassation of business, request the original registering authority to cancel its registration as a branch store.

Article 18.

When the principal or branch store of a commercial business has not yet begun to operate six months after the registration of its establishment, or if after it has opened for business, it ceases operation for more than one year, the original registering authority may cannel the registration either at the request of the interested parties or by the use of its own powers.

Where the above cuncellation of registration is asked for by the interested parties, the original registering authority shall notify the responsible persons of the commercial business in question to state their reasons. I within a fixed time limit of between one and two months. If the reasons are not stated within the prescribed period or if the reasons stated are not sufficient, the original registering authority shall then cancel the registration.

¹⁾ MRITOR'S NOTE: i.e. their reasons for not having opened or for having closed for more than one year.

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A Normergial business may state its reasons to the original registering authority and request it to extend the time limits as prescribed in the two preseding paragraphs; they shall not be extended for more than one north.

article 19.

If a registered commercial business is declared bankrupt or its operation is prohibited by administrative punishment or by the sentence of a court, the original registering authority shall cancel its regist ation upon notification by the authority or court which infliots the punishment.

Chapter III. - The Name of a Commercial Ausiness.

Article 25,

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None of the following shall be used as the name of a connercial business when applying for registration:

1) The national name "Republic of Ohina", the name or composent of its founder 1), the name of a government organisation or of a legal body.

a) The word "China" used in any sense which may be lacking in

respect. 3) any name offensive to morals or to public order, or which may cheat the public.

4) A name belonging to another person, used without his

consent. 5) A name the same as or similar to that of a popularly known confiercial business operated by others, and used for the same type of business.

6) A name already registered as a trade mark by others, and

used for transactions in goods of the same kind.

7) The name of a special product of a certain place, or the name of the place, used alone us the name of the countries business dealing with that product.

article 21.

No commercial business shall uss a name the same as or similar to that of another commercial business already registered, in the same municipality or Hsien, and engaged in the same type of business.

A name the same as enother, but preceded by the name of a place or an adjective, shall be regarded as similar(name) unless a Chi 2) is added as provided in this Law.

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1) i.e. Sun Chung-shan, Sun Yat-sen and Sun den.

2) Chi: mark, symbol. e.g. if another Book Company exists "Shanghai Book Co." would be a similar name, but "Jong Chi" Shanghai Book Co. could be used.

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articls 22.

If a name the same as or similar to that of another commercial business already registered, is used for illegitimate competition, whether in the same numicipality or Hsian or not, the persons interested may request the competent authority to prohibit its use; if they have sustained any damage therefrom, they may further ask for damages.

If a name the same as that of another commercial husiness already registered in the same municipality or Hsien, is used to undertake the same type of business, and furthermore no change is made despite notification by the competent authority of the manicipality or Raien or by the persons interested, this shall be considered as illegitimate competition.

The same provision shall apply when a nake similar to that of another commercial business already registered, is used to undertake similar business transactions and furthernore no ohinge is made despite notification by the competent authority of the municipality or Haien.

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years before the enforcement of this law, but subsequently to such use the same or a similar name has already been registered by another commercial firm doing the same type of business, then the restriction imposed by article 21 shall not apply; but the firm shall, in registering its name add a distinguishing mark registering its name add a distinguishing mark.

Article 24.

If within one year after the enforcement of this law several commercial businesses founded before its snforcement make separate application to the competent authority of the same municipality or Haien for the registration of the same name or of similar names, then the one whose use of the name within the similar names; then the one whose use of the name within the municipality or Hsien was earliest and has been uninterrupted shall be allowed to register it. If before the application (the name) had never been used by any one of them, or if it cannot be proved who was the first to use it, then the one who first sends in an application, shall be allowed to register it. If all the applicants apply on the same day, they shall be ordered to reach a mutual agreement to let one of the commercial businesses use it, and then only shall the registration be allowed. only shall the registration be allowed.

If the various commercial businesses which separately apply for registration as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, have all been using the name or names for more than three years without interruption, they shall all be allowed to register but each shall add a distinguishing mark.

Article 25.

enforcement of this Law, separately apply for registration of the same name or similar pames with the competent authority of the same manicipality or Hsien, the one which first sends in an application, shall be allowed to register; if all the applicants apply on the same day, the provision of Paragraph 1 of the preceding article shall apply.

article 26.

If a commercial business which has already been registered in accordance with this Law, reorganises itself into a Company, and if it has been using its registered name continuously and without interruption within a municipality or Hsien for more

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than ten years, counting from the date of registration, then the restriction imposed by article 26 of the Company Law 1) shall not apply; but neither the principal nor the branch office of the Company shall move outside the municipality or Hsien where it was originally located, unless its name is first changed.

Article 27.

In any of the following cases, the use of a name by a commercial business shall be regarded as being interrupted:

- 1) Where a business has of its own accord ceased operating for more than half a year, this shall be regarded as an interruption, beginning from the day of osseation of business.
- 2) Where the operation of a business is prohibited by the competent authority or by a court, this shall be regarded as an interruption, beginning from the day when the order is issued.
- 3) Where a registration is cancelled by the compstent authority of the municipality or Hsien, this shall be regarded as an interruption, beginning from the day of the cancellation.
- 4) If registration has not been applied for within the time limit provided in article 61, this shall be regarded as an interruption, beginning from the day of the expiration of the time limit.

Article 28.

When a registered commercial business or Company founds a branch store or Company in another municipality or Hsien, if in that municipality or Hsien there exists another etore or Company which bears the same or a similar name and operates the same type of business, except where the provisions of article 26 apply, the name of the branch store or Company shall be preceded by the name of the place where the principal store or Company is located, and words shall be added, to make clear that it is a branch store or Company.

Artiole 29.

If a commercial business which has changed its name after registration, does not apply for the registration to ocaltered in accordance with the provisions of article 13, the competent authority of the municipality or Hsien may on its own responsibility or upon the request of the persons interested, issue an order to cancel the original name.

Artiole 30.

The name of a commercial business shall not be transferred apart from the business itself.

¹⁾ EDITOR'S NOTE: The Company Law was promulgated on the 12th, April, 1946. Its Article 26 reads: "Companies engaged in the same type of business, no matter whether or not they are of the same class or whether or not they are within the same province or municipality or locality, shall not use the same or similar names".



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Article 31.

Where a commercial business uses the name of its owner or that of a partner as its name, when the business is transferred or the partner retires, the owner or partner or their heirs may ask that the name shall no longer be used.

Chapter IV. - Commercial Businesses Operated by Foreigners.

article 32.

where a commercial business operated by foreigner/s has its principal store within Universe territories, if it is under individual ownership, the owner of the commercial business must have his domicile in china, if it is a partnership, at least one of the partners must be domiciled in China.

Article 33.

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Then a foreign commercial business whose principal store is not within Chinese territories, founds a branch store in China, if the owner or the partners of the commercial business have no domicile in China, a person domiciled in China shall be appointed as their legal and extra-legal representative.

The full name, nationality and domicile of the agents mentioned above, shall be reported at the time when the branch store concerned applies for the registration of its establishment; a written power of attorney shall further be annexed.

Article 34.

If according to any law or ordinance the locality or business type of a commercial business operated by foreigners within Chinese territories, is subject to special authorisation by a competent authority, it shall, after securing the certificate of special authorisation, apply for registration in accordance with this law.

article 35.

When a commercial business operated by foreigners within Chinese territories, applies for registration, the applicant shall submit documentary evidence of his nationality; if its legal or extra-legal representative, manager or commercial agent is a foreigner, the documentary evidence of his nationality shall also be annexed when submitting the application for registration.

If the foreigners mentioned in the preceding paragraph are persone without nationality, they shall submit a certificate from the competent authority of the census register of the locality within Chinese territories, where they are domiciles.

Article 3b.

in any of the following sames, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to commercial businesses operated by a joint partnership of foreigners and Chinese nationals:

- 1) There foreign partners have contributed more than helf of the total amount of capital of the nontranglin
- the total amount of capital of the partnership.

 2) Where the foreign partners are more numerous than the Chinese partners.
- 3) There the Chinese partners have no domicile within Chinese territories.



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Chapter V. - Procedure and Pece of Registration.

Article 37. The owner, or all the partners of a sommercial business shall apply for the registration of establishment, the business shall apply for the registration of establishment, the registration of the transfer or the cancellation of the registration of the principal store of the someercial business, unless otherwise provided in articles 11, 14 and 15, application to alter the registration of principal store, or to register the establishment or alteration or to cancel the registration of a branch store, and the store of the someercial business. shall be made by the owner or the partners of the sommercial business, or by those partners who conduct the business.

article 38. application to register the transfer or to cancel the registration of the princial store of a somereial business operated by foreigners within Chinese territories, shall be made by the owner of the connercial business or by all the partners domiciled in China. Application to alter the registration of a principal store, or to register the establishment or alteration or

to cancel the registration of a branch store, shall be made by the owner of the commercial business or by the partners who conduct the business or those who are domiciled in China,

article 39.

The owner of a commercial business or the partners who are responsible for applying for the registration, may appoint an attornsy to apply for the registration of the commercial business.

Then an attorney makes application as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, he shall at the same time submit the letter of attorney issued by the owner of the someorcial business or by the partners who are responsible for the application.

Article 40.

If according to the provisions of article 6, a previous approved is assessary for the operation of a sommercial business, it shall, when applying for the registration of its satablishment, submit the original or a copy of the certificate of approval.

article 41.

If according to the provisions of artisle 34, a special authorization is necessary for the operation of a commercial business by foreigners within Chinese territories, the original or a copy of the certificate of special authorization shall be annexed when applying for the registration of its establishment.

article 42.

When the heir of the owner of a commercial business or the partners together with the heir apply for registration according to the provisions of article 14, they shall at the same time submit documentary evidence of the fact of inheritance.

Article 43.

then a commercial business applies for the registration of a name coming under the provisions of article 23 or Paragraph 2 of article 34, it shall at the same time submit documentary evidence to prove that it was the first to use it and has been using it for continuously more than two or three years.

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when a connected business applies for the registration of a name coming under the provisions of article 20; it shall at the same time submit documentary evidence proving that ton years have elapsed since the registration of the name and that since then it has continuously been using it.

article 44.

If the documents submitted by foreigners are in a foreign language, a Chinese translation of the text shall be annexed.

article 45.

an applicant for registration who discovers any error or omission in the particulars after they have been registered, may within one month request the competent authority of the municipality or Haier to make a correction.

article 40.

The competent authority of a municipality or Heien shall, within five days after approving a registration or a correction in a registration, publish the various particulars registered or corrected.

articl∈ 47.

Haien shall issue a certificate of registration to each principal or branch store the registration of whose establishment has been approved.

The form of the above-mentioned certificate of the registration of principal or branch stores shall be determined by the central competent authority; and the competent authorities of the various municipalities and Hsiens shall separately make the certificates according to the form appointed.

Article 48.

If because a connected business applies for an alteration to be made in its registration, the statement on the original certificate of registration needs to be corrected, this original certificate shall be concelled and a request made for the issue of a new certificate of registration.

When the particulars on the certificate of registration have been corrected, the provision of the preceding paragraph shall also apply.

Article 49.

When a commercial business applies for cancellation of its registration, it shall hand over its certificate of registration for cancellation.

article 50.

the competent authority of a municipality or Hsien cancels the registration of a connercial business, it shall reclaim and cancel the certificate of registration which it originally issued.

article 51.

The competent authority of a municipality or fisien shall only have to sanotion such registrations as are provided for in article 11 and also such alterations in registration as in 10t require a change of the certificate of registration.

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article 52. A commercial business shall, when applying for its registration, pay registration fees as provided below:

- 1) In the case of registration of the astablishment of the principal store, one per mile of the total amount of its cepital.
- 2) In the case of registration of the establishment of branch stores;
 - a. There their capital is separats, one per mille of the amount of the capital;
 - b. There their capital is not separate, two thousand Pational Currency dollars for each branch store.
- 3) In the case of alteration in a registration:
 - a. Where the capital is increased, two per mille of the amount of increase,
 - b. where there is no increase of capital, one thousand national Currency dollars each time.
- 4) For the cancellation of a registration, one thousand National Currency dollars.
- 5) For any other registration, one thousand Bational Currency dollars.

article 53.

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There the registration of a commercial business requires the assue of a certificate of registration or a change therein, one thousand National Currency dollars shall be paid as fee for each certificate, the same shall apply when a certificate of registration has been lost and an application is made for the issus of .: new ons.

Article 64.

The competent authority of a municipality or design shall keep the following registers in which to imporibe the various particulars of registration:

- 1) Register of the principal stores of commercial businesses;
 2) Register of the branch stores of councercial businesses;
 3; Register of the power of transacting business of persons under partial Isgal disability.

The forms of the above-mentioned registers shall be dstarmined by the central competent authority, and each of the compatent authorities of the various municipalities or Haisna shall make its registers according to the fixed forms.

article 55.

Persons interested in a commercial business may ask permission from the competent authority of the municipality or Heism to examine in the registers mentioned in the preceding article, the particulars of the registration of that commercial business and the documents annexed thereto; they may further ask for the issue of a document cartifying whother the particulars registered have been altered, or whether a certain particular has been registered, and also for full or abridged copies of the annexed documents. annexed door wate.

Without legitimate reason, the registering authority shall not reject the requests mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Each time any person requests parmission of the registering authority to examine the regit ors and the annexed doouments, shall pay one thousand National Currency dollars as examination fee;

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any person who asks for the issue of a certificate, shall pay two thousand National Currency dollars as fee for each certificate, and any person who requests that copies should be made for him, shall pay a fee of two thousand National Currency dollars per thousand words copied.

article 50.

The competent authority of each ordinary municipality or Raisn shall every half year prepare two lists of cases of commercial registration and submit thom for reference to the provincial competent authority, which shall transmit one list to the central competent authority for reference.

The competent authority of each municipality under the direct jurisdiction of the Central Government shall every month prepare a list of cases of connercial registration and submit it to the central competent authority for reference.

Chapter VI .- Psnalties.

Article 57.

any person who crestes illegitimate competition by using a name the same as or resembling that of another commercial business which has already been registered, shall be sentenced to penal servitude or detention not exceeding one year or to a Fa Chinfine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Article 58.

The responsible persons of a conmercial business who fail to apply for the registration of its establishment according to the provisions of article 9,10 or 61, shall be punished with a Fa Huan 3) fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, where the application is made after the expiration of the time limit, Fa Huan fine not exceeding two thousand dollars shall be imposed.

If after being penalised, the responsible persons of the commercial business still fail to apply for the registration of establishment as mentioned above, the competent authority of the municipality or haien may order them to file the application within a prescribed period, failing which the business shall be closed down.

Article 59.

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The responsible persons of a some ereial business who fail to apply for alteration in or cancellation of its registration in conformity with the provisions of articles 13 to 17, may be punished with a re Huan fine not execeding five thousand dollars.

The responsible persons of a commercial business who contravene the provisions of articles 26 and 18, shell be punished with a sea Chin fine not exceeding twenty thousand dobters.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

1) The term Fa Chin is used for a strictly penal fine under a oriminal law; that is, a pecuniary punishment imposed by a lawful Extbunal on a person envioted of oxime or disdemeanour.

2) The term Fa Huan is used for a fine of a civil character, imposed for breaches of taxation laws; in both cases it is imposed for offences which do not come under the penalties of the oriminal law.

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Chapter VII .- Supplement.

Article 61.

all cormercial businesses which have not been registered before the enforcement of this law, shall, within one year after its enforcement, apply for the registration of their establishment according to the provisions of this law.

article 62.

any registration made before the enforcement of Any registration made before the enforcement of this Low, and in conformity with the Commercial Registration Low then in force, shall have the same effect as registrations unde according to the present Law; but if the particulars in the original registration do not conform with the provisions of the present Law or are incomplete, then an application shall be made for alteration in the registration within one year after the enforcement of the present Law.

article 63.

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This Law shall come into force on the day of

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REGULATIONS FOR CONTROLLING THE RATE OF INTEREST

Article 1.

The control of the rats of interest shall be governed by the provisions of these Regulations.

article 2.

The rate of interest on deposita in modern and native banks shall not exceed the rats of interest on loans. The local inderest and kative Bankers' association shall every day, taking into consideration the conditions of the financial markst, determine the deily interest rate on loans between bankers and on loans, and submit them to the Gentral Bank for confirmations. They shall then be announced for enforcement as the maximum interest rate on loans.

Article 3.

In places where the Central Bank has no office, the interest rate on loans granted by modern and native banks shall be based on that in the nearest place where it has been announced by the Central Bank.

Article 4.

where the interest rate on a loan granted by a modern or native bank exceeds the meximum daily interest rate announced by the Central Bank for the same day, the oreditor shall have no right to claim the part in excess.

¹⁾ EDITOR'S WOTE: The same ordinance which promulgated the Regulations for Joutrolling the Rate of Interest, simultaneously announced the abrogation of the former Regulations for Controlling the Rate of Interest on Deposits and Loans through Banks.

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Article 5.

The interest rate on monetary obligations under agreement by persons other than modern and native bankers, shall not exceed the delly interest rate fixed by the local office of the dentral Bank at the time when the agreement is reached; otherwise the creditor shall have no right to claim the part in excess.

Article o.

where no interest rate has been agreed upon for a monetary obligation on which interest should be paid, the creditor may request that it shall be computed according to one half of the daily interest mate on loans fixed by the local office of the Central Bank.

Article 7.

These Regulations shall come into force on the day of promulgation.

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MEASURES GOVERNING THE AFFIXING OF REVENUE DUTY STALPS 1) ON SALES INVOSCES ISSUED BY FACTORIES WHICH HAVE AIREADY PAID THE COMMODITY TAX

Artiole 1.

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Factories undertaking to produce goods subject to the commodity tax (hereafter briefly mentioned as fastories) shall pay the commodity tax on their products according to the Law; when making out invoices for the sale of these products, they shall affix revenue duty stamps thereon in conformity with the provisions of these Leasures.

Article 2.

when selling their products, factories chall make out separate invoices in accordance with the Businese Tax Law 2) and the Special Business Tax Law 3); if it is necessary to make out a separate werehouse receipt for the delivery of the goods, revenue duty stamps shall be affixed thereon ceparately.

ELITOR'S NOTES.

now in force, which was revised and promulgated by the kational Government on the oth. of June 1947 and to its application kules promulgated by the kacoutive Yuan on the 3rd. of July 1947 (see Monthly Bulletin No. X - Aug. Sept. 1947. Annexes XXV & XXVI).

2) The Paramess Tax Lay was revised and promulgated by the Mational Government on the 1st. of May 1947 (see Monthly Bulletin No.VIII. May 2047. Annex XIX) and it. Application Rules promulgated by the Executive Yuan on the 4th. of August 1947 (see Monthly Bulletin No. X - Aug. Sept. 1947. Annex XXVII).

3) The Special Business Tax Lew was promulgated by the National Government on the 1st. of May 1947 and its application Rules by the Executive Yuan on the 11th. of June 1947 (see Monthly Bulletin No. IX - June-July 1947. Annexes XXII & XXIII). 1) Reference may be made to the Revenue Stemp Luty Law

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article 3.

The selling prices of the products, as listed and the invoices issued by factories, shall be the estual selling prices. If commodity tax has already been paid, the whole amount of this commodity tax may be deducted. This must be stated on the invoice and revenue stamps affixed according to the law. The following shall also be stamped on for purposes of examination: "Gertificate of commodity tax inspected and \$..... deducted for semmedity tax already paid."

article 4.

An invoice on which revenue duty stamps are affixed in accordance with these dessures, shall have the certificate of payment of the commodity tax attached to it; they shall not be separated. But, where no certificate of tax payment has been issued for the goods, the resident commodity tax collector shall stamp on the words: "Commodity Tax already paid", for purposes of proof.

article 5.

Any factory using mashinery, to which resident commodity tax investigators and collectors have been sent, may apply to use the Simplified dessures for Affixing Revenue Duty Stempse 1).

article o.

No factory shall use a warehouse receipt for the delivery of goods, a certificate of payment of the commodity tax or conveyance certificate as a substitute for the invoice.

Article 7.

Where a factory also undertakes retail sales, the provisions of these measures shall not be applied to its retail department.

article 8.

If the provisions of these Measures have been contravened, the amount of commodity tex already paid shall not be deducted from the invoice.

Article 9.

These Measures shall come into force on the day of promulgation.

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¹⁾ EDITOR'S NOTE: The Simplified Measures for affixing Revenus Duty Stamps were promulgeted by the Ministry of Pinance on the 8th, of May 1947.

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RENTING OF HOUSES

article 1.

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The provisions of these Regulations shall govern the renting of houses in places where provincial or municipal governments are located and in other densely populated localities and regions where it is difficult to lease houses, as designated by the provincial government. In cases not governe by these Regulations, those of the Civil code 1, the Land Law 2 and other laws and ordinances shall be applied.

Article 2.

If anyone is neither himself using a house available for dwelling nor lessing it out, the competent government may order him to lesse it within the period of one month.

the Land Law 31, the rooms used by a person himself exceed his actual requirements, he may be ordered to lease within a prescribed period, the rooms in excess of his requirements.

EDITOR'S NOTES!

1) ine Chinese Civil Code contains 5 Books, separately promule ted and enforced by the Mational Government on different

promulgated and enforced by the Rational Government on different dates. Special reference may be made here to Book II. "Obligations" (promulgated on Nov. 22nd.1929 & enforced on May 5th.1930). Chapter II. Section 5. "Renting" (Art. 421-463).

\ 2) The Land Law now in force was revised and promulgated by the Rational Government on the 29th.of April 1946 (see Monthly Bulletin For. IV-January; V-February and VI-Merch 1947; Documents 23, 30 & 36 "The New Land Law Compared with the Old" by Prof. Sung Chiletia. huai,

3) Art. 96 of the Land Law reads: "A municipal or district government may, taking into consideration local conditions, impose necessary restrictions on the number of rooms occupied by soch individual as his personal dwelling place in an urban area; but this shall be done with the approval of the local organ of public opinion.

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preceding paragraphs, their lessing shell be unde compulsory and a Fn Huan fine 1) not exceeding five thousand dollars may further be imposed.

Article 3.

Then a house is leased, besides the rent, a cash security may be received. The maximum cash security shall not exceed the total rent for two menths.

If he agreement is made containing a cash security which contravenes the above provision, the part in excess shall be refunded to the lessee, and p Ra Huan fine not exceeding awice the amount in excess may further be imposed.

article 4.

Rents shall be paid monthly; the competent government may, with the approval of the local organ of public opinion and according to local economic conditions, restrict them to given maximum.

If an agreement is made in which the rent exceeds the maximum as restricted in the preceding paragraph, the part in excess shall be regarded as undue increment; the lessee may, within six menths after its payment, ask first refund.

Article 5.

'key-monsy' 2) or under any other title.

article o,

A lessee shall sub-let all his rooms to others,
where some of the rooms are sub-let, if the contract contains
stipulations opposing this, then written consent shall first be
secured from the lessor or the sub-letting contract shall be sent
over to the lessor to be signed by him.

The rent for sub-letting shall be computed in proportion to the part sub-let and the original rent, and shall not exceed twice the original amount of rent. If a cash security originally existed, the cash security shall be computed in the same way. Furthermore one half of the part in excess of the original amount of rent and of cash security, shall be paid to the lessor.

under any other title shall be taken.

EDITOR'S ROTAS:

- 1) The term Fa Huan is used for a fine of a civil oheracter under civil law, or of a fiscal character, imposed for breaches of taxation laws; in both cases it is imposed for offences which do not come under the panalties of the criminal law.
- 2) The Chinese expression is 'Hsiao Fei', Literally meaning: small fee.
- 3) In the original text of the Law, two expressions 'Ting Fei' and 'Hsiao Fei' are used here to mean the same thing: Key-money. Literally, 'Ting Fei' means: take-over money.

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Article 7.

here before the snforcement of these Regulations, a lessee had sub-let all his rooms to others, the present lessees and the person who has the right to rent them out, shall conclude another contract within six months; if without the consent of the lessor some of the rooms had been sub-let to others, unless he gives his signature as provided in the preceding article, he may take back those rooms which have been sub-let and lease them out again. But the original sub-lessee shall have a preferential right to rent

The lessor shall not refuse to give his signeture, as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, without an adequate reason.

article 8.

any contravention of the provisions of article 5 and paragraph 3 of article 6 shall be punished with a Pa Huan fine not exceeding three times the amount of money received.

"Article 9.

A lessor shall not terminate a (renting) contract except on one of the following conditions $\mathbf{1}$):

- 1) If the lessee puts the premises to illegal uses.
 2) If for reasons for which he is responsible the lessee owes an amount of rent equal to the amount of the cash security given plus at least two months' ront.
- 3) If the lessee has intentionally or through negligence demaged the lessor's house and fails to make repairs or pay adequate compensation.
- 4) If the lassecontravenes the provisions of paragraph I of Article 6.
- 5) If proof is furnished that the lessor is taking back his house for his own use, in accordance with the provisions of article 11.

- 6) If the term agreed on for the lease has expired.
 7) If the lessee has closed up the house and has ceased to use it for more than six months.
- 8) When the house has to be rebuilt, and the legger has been notified three months in advance, and furthermore a building licence has been secured.
- 9) When the lesses violates the restrictions laid down in the leass.

The provision of Item 6) of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to a fixed term lease of less than two years or one containing a special agreement.

Article 10.

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Where a lease has been concluded for a term of more than one year, if a considerable change has taken place in local economic conditions, the party concerned may request that the increase or decrease of the rent be considered. The same shall apply to a laase of indsfinite term.

¹⁾ EDITOR'S NOTE: Compare with Land Law, art. 100 and its New Interpretation issued by the Judicial Yuan June 24th. 1947 (see Monthly Bullian Act. Ta - June-July 1947; Annex XXIV).

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article 11.

If after a lease of indefinite term has been in force for two years, the lassor for adequate reasons has to take back the house for his own use, he shall furnish definite proofs of his need, and further give the lassee three months notice of the nancellation of the lease.

Article 12.

If without isgitimate reason the lessor refuses to accept rent paid to him by the lesses as provided in the lesses the lesses may deposit the rent in a bank or post office in the name of the lessor, and then notify the lessor.

Artiole 13.

The provisions of the four preceding articles shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the transferoe mentioned in article 425 of the Civil Code 1).

article 14.

If after being rebuilt a house is still to be lessed out, the original lesses shall have a preferential right to rest it.

Article 15.

If anyone who has taken back a house for his own use, keeps it vacant for three months or again lesses it within one year, the original lesses shall have the right to claim for the continuation of his lesse; he may furthermore ask for compensation for damage or injury.

Article 16.

The respective computent governments of the various localities or regions as mentioned in article 1, shall, according to the provisions of articles 94 2) and 95 3) of the Land Law, construct residential houses for the inhabitants and encourage the inhabitants to build residential houses.

Article 17.

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In the localities and regions designated in article 1, institutions which furnish dormitories to their employees, shall not receive any rent from them; those which furnish no dormitory, shall give them an appropriate sum of money as a grant-in aid.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

- 1) Art. 425 of the Civil Code reads as follows:
 If after handing over a leased property, the lessor transfers his right of ownership to a third person, the lease shall still hold good on behalf of the transferse.
- 2) Article 94 of the Land Law reads as follows:

 "In urban areas, the Government shall construct an appropriats number of reserve houses to be leased as residences to the inhabitants. "The rental of the houses mentioned above shall not exceed an amount equivalent to an annual interest of eight per cent on the value of the land and buildings".
- 3) Article 95 of the Land Law reads:

 "In order to relieve housing shortage, a municipal or district government may, with the approval of the Executive Yuan, reduce or suppress the land taxes and improvement tax on newly erected houses, and prescribe a time limit for such reduction or exemption.

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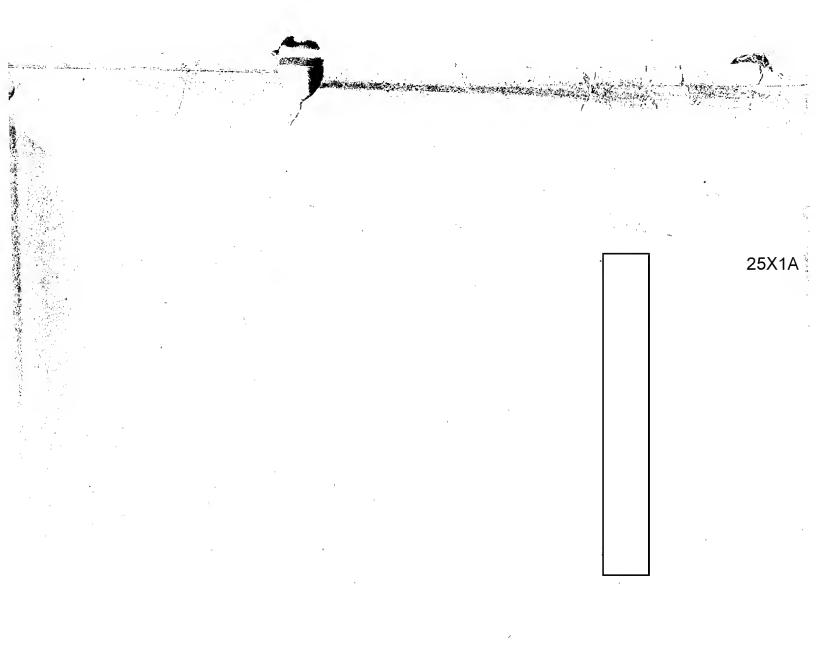
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It is with very sincere regret that I have to announce to our readers, on behalf of the BURLAU CF DO-CUMENTATION, that owing to circumstances the publication of the MONTHLY BULLETIN will be suspended after this issue.

To allow fuller utilisation of the mass of documentation contained in the Documents, Studies and Annexes published over more than two years in the Bulletin, the present issue consists of a detailed Analytical Index of the subjects covered. We hope that this may enable the Bulletin to take a permanent place as a work of reference on economic questions in China during a transition period of more than ordinary interest.

The suspension of the Bulletin will not in any way affect the other work of the BUREAU OF DOCUMENTATION: the methodical filing of economic news and articles and the research work on Chinese economic problems and legislation, carried on for the last ten years, will continue as before. If our former subscribers and friends wish to make use of our files it will give us great pleasure to answer their enquiries as we have done hithorto. We hope also that we shall still be able to put at their disposal careful and accurate translations of any new laws or regulations seriously affecting economic life in China.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity, again in the name of all the staff of the Bureau, of expressing our appreciation of the cooperation we have received and of the interest shown in our Studios and translations by Research Institutes, business circles and many technical Reviews abroad.

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"Projected Revision of the Trade Mark Law".

Through a printor's slip, Article 15 has been omittod. - Our readers are requested to add the following text of the Article on page 4 of Annex No.LXXIII:

If the same morehant insorts his registered trade mark as a part of another trade mark, he may apply for its registration. But, if the two trade marks are used on the same kind of commodity, they shall not be separately transfered to others after the registration has been granted.

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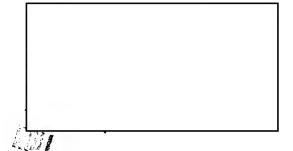
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